



Margie S. Nicholson

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Margie was born on February 2, 1928 to Milburn Gauss and Anna S. Swanson in Jackson, Michigan at Mercy Hospital. She delighted in reminding people that there were two holidays on February 2, not just Groundhog's Day. Her life spanned from the 1920's to the 2020's and she lived her 93 years to the fullest. She lived in Stockbridge, Michigan as a little girl and acquired her love for horses and dislike of chicken on her grandparent's farm. The next move was to North Adams, Michigan. It was there that at age 7 she put her faith in Jesus on a Sunday night after church with her mother at her bedside. The faith of a child blossomed into a mature faith that she shared with nearly everyone she met, right up to her final days. Milburn, Anna and Margie eventually moved to Jackson, Michigan where she attended and graduated from Jackson High School. In her younger years, Margie's musical ability to play piano was revealed. She always liked to tell people that her music teacher was Helen Griggs, the lady who wrote the little chorus, "Gone, Gone, Gone." Margie was a precocious child and eventually attended "Opportunity School," a school for gifted students. Margie met the love of her life, Don Nicholson, in 1946. They ran in the same circles and shared faith and a heart for ministry. They married on April 3, 1948. Their love for the Lord led them to involvement in their church, Memorial Baptist, which eventually became Cascades Baptist Church. They were an integral part of the building of the church. They were also involved in other ministries like CYC, Family Life Radio, Breakfast Club, and Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference. Actually, Margie worked at Maranatha in the Sweet Shoppe at age 14 after her mother learned about it at church. She thought it would be great for Margie to work there, so she put her on a bus and sent her from Jackson to Muskegon. That's when her love for Maranatha was birthed. Margie supported her husband Don in both ministry and work. Ministry included over twenty-five years leading music and choirs at their church. She was usually at the piano or the organ.



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At rehearsals, she would play everyone's part, if they needed it. She would accompany well known Christian artists who would sing or play at the church and various events. She accompanied a well-known pastor in evangelistic meetings throughout Michigan. At the same time, she and Don started the Kitchen Shop with a friend and it grew into a successful kitchen and bath design business. Behind every successful man is a strong supportive woman. Margie was extroverted and fun-loving. She never met a stranger. We can all remember waiting for Margie to finish a conversation with someone. She made people feel special and loved wherever she went and would often just pick up the phone and call a friend because she needed to talk. Margie and Don also traveled the world together. In 1957, their first trip led them to Quito, Ecuador helping the mission organization HCJB. We can't even remember all the places they went or the cruises they took. There are hundreds, no thousands of photos to document their trips together. Once her traveling days were over, Margie loved to get out old photo albums to relive their special moments around the world. As an only child, Margie's family meant the world to her. God blessed her and Don with three girls, Diane, Jan, and Sandy. Of course, with a musical talent like Margie for a mother, the girls were given piano, violin, french horn and vocal lessons from an early age. They also sang as a vocal trio from the time they were little girls. Margie made them matching dresses and accompanied them at the piano to the delight of many audiences at church and beyond. Margie's love for music impacted the whole family. More than anything else, Margie loved Jesus and cherished her faith in Him. She always wanted to know, "Do you trust in the Lord as your Savior?" And she wanted to know, "When?" This reminded us of her mother, Grandma Smith, who did the same thing. In one of her Bibles, she has a list of her children and grandchildren and what age they were when they were saved. Margie's long earthly journey is over. She left earth on June 21, 2021 at 3:58 pm. She is now enjoying her heavenly Father and is reunited with her loved ones who were there to meet her. Perhaps she was asked to play the piano on her first night in heaven as her music was clearly "heavenly." Margie is survived by her children; Diane Nicholson, Jan and Bill Oudemolen, Sandy and Greg Nyenhuis, her grandchildren; Dan Ewald, Sarah Ewald, Rachel and Anthony DiGiovanni, Rebekah Ewald, Betsy and Paul



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Phillips, Julie and Joe Patterson, and by her great-grandchildren; Isabella, Micaiah, Layla, Ava, Sadie, Alexis, Lanie, Zain, Oliver, Willamina, Connor, Bridget. VISITATION with the family will be Friday, June 25 from 5:00-7:00PM at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49442. A FUNERAL SERVICE will be held on Saturday, June 26 at 10:00AM at Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference – Sweet Shoppe (4759 Lake Harbor Rd., 49441). For a more lasting memory, memorial contributions may be directed to Maranatha, Youth Haven or MAF Mission Aviation Fellowship.



Events

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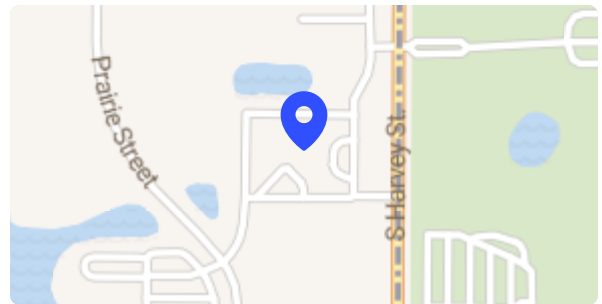
Visitation

Friday, June 25, 2021

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



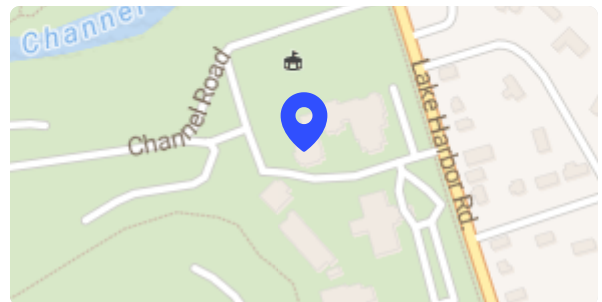
Funeral Service

Saturday, June 26, 2021

10:00 AM ET

Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference Center

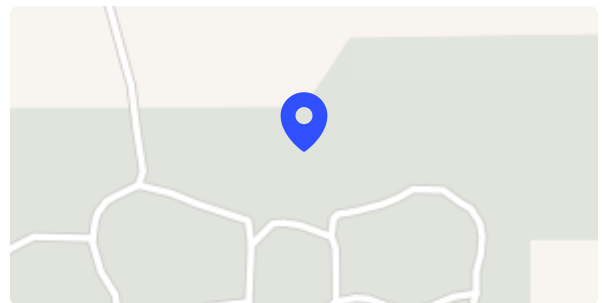
4759 Lake Harbor, Muskegon MI



Cemetery Details

Roseland Memorial Gardens

3744 Brooklyn Rd, Jackson MI 49203





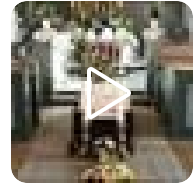
Tribute Wall

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Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services shared a **Webcast Video**.



June 26 at 2:05 PM



Tod Dally sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Nicholson family.



June 25 at 7:07 AM



John Walstrum posted:

It was a privilege growing up next door to the Nicholson's and attending Memorial/Cascades Baptist with them. I left Jackson after High School, but Margie and Don were still nice enough to come to my wedding near Philadelphia a few years later. When my wife Liz and I were perhaps a bit long having photos taken, it was Margie and Don who stepped forward with an outstanding and spontaneous package of piano and voice to keep the roomful of hungry people from getting too restless while they waited. So it is not just the amazing gift of music that will remain in my memory, but the kind and generous spirit with which Margie used all her gifts to serve God and everyone with whom she came in contact. John Walstrum

June 25 at 5:17 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Nicholson family.



June 25 at 4:13 AM



Jean Thompson And All The Kids! sent an Arrive in Style to the Nicholson family.



June 24 at 4:56 PM



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Arlene Colburn posted:

When I started dating my future husband, Margie said I could marry him but I had to come to their church - which I did. She played the organ at our wedding, and we both enjoyed the ministries of both Don & Margie at Memorial/Cascades Baptist church for many years. They were loving & giving. We adored their beautiful girls & always enjoyed the special music they shared at church. I am praying for the family at this time of "earthly" loss, but rejoicing that she is in Heaven today. Arlene Colburn

June 24 at 9:43 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Nicholson family.



June 24 at 9:38 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Nicholson family.



June 24 at 7:07 AM



Aliyah Jensen Schroeder posted:

I worked with Daysprings for a short time while Margie was there. I don't normally share much about my personal life, but the reason I came to Daysprings looking for a job was because my deceased grandfather had been there for several years before he passed in 2018. It wasn't until finding and reading her obituary, that I noticed him, beautiful Margie, and the groundhog all share a very special day together. I became so close to Margie so quick, she truly spoke love into my heart and opened my eyes up, reminding me every night as I put her to bed that, "You can wake me up if you need me." I love(d) her with every inch of my heart. Everyday was a blessing, she showed me that compassion does exist, and with that, the compassion in her heart never went unnoticed. God bless Margie and her entire family. And most importantly, a heavenly rest for miss Margie. Until we meet again sweet girl ❤️

June 24 at 6:11 AM



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Ann Walstrum Lindner posted:

Unfortunately none of the Walstrums will be able to attend services in person ... but we always say that the Nicholsons provided the soundtrack for our lives. From the moment we met Ann Smith (Margie's Mom) with whom we shared a Swedish heritage, we've considered ourselves to be extended family. Living next door on Strathmoor Lane in Jackson, Michigan ... being in church together every Sunday ... building a foundation for life-long friendships. We will never cease to uphold cherished memories of Margie (and Don) and look forward to future encounters with Diane, Jan & Sandy. With sympathy, Ann (Walstrum) Lindner, also on behalf of John, Bill, and Steve.

June 24 at 5:44 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Nicholson family.



June 23 at 1:13 PM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Nicholson family.



June 23 at 6:23 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Nicholson family.



June 23 at 5:17 AM



Amanda posted:

She was such sweet lady i will never for get when I brought my dog in one time and my dog just loved her

June 23 at 4:55 AM



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Anonymous sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Nicholson family.



June 23 at 4:24 AM



Lori Zettell posted:

Margie was a such a special lady and I adored her. Praying for you all. May you find peace as you know she is making beautiful music with the angels in heaven.

June 22 at 6:55 PM



Darlene Neidlinger posted:

Dear Nyenhuis family,What a light your mom was in your family and in our community. Thinking of all of you as you celebrate her life. Love, Tom and Dar Neidlinger

June 22 at 6:51 PM



Francine Busch posted:

My heart is sad that Margie isn't here with us anymore, but it is also so joyful for the love she is now experiencing in the presence of her wonderful Savior. We love you, dear family of Margie and will continue to pray for comfort for each of you in the days ahead.Love, Francine

June 22 at 6:05 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Nicholson family.



June 22 at 5:47 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Nicholson family.



June 22 at 5:36 PM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Margie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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