



Margaret Ann Ross

April 8, 1950 - April 2, 2009

Margaret Ann Ross, Margaret Ann age 58 of Plymouth, April 2, 2009. Loving wife of Jim Ollar. Predeceased by her former husband Robert D. McKay. Beloved daughter of Rita and the late Hugh Ross. Dear sister of William (Beverly), Rita, James, Hugh (Susan) and Thomas (Lisa). Dear step-mother of Kyle and Bryan Ollar. Also survived by her nieces, Jennifer Perry and Julia Ross, nephews, James Perry (Stacie), Robert Ross (Antonette), Brian Giuffre, Jonathan Ross (Melina), Michael Ross, and Aidan Ross and great-nieces, Corinne Perry and Charlotte Perry and great-nephews Alexander Perry, Anthony Ross and Dominic Ross. Margaret was born in Detroit and lived in the southeast Michigan area her entire life surrounded by a large extended family and many colleagues and friends she cherished. She had a soft voice and a radiant smile. She was always a kind, caring person and fun to be with at work or at play. Margaret graduated from Nativity High School in Detroit in 1968. She then earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education at the University of Detroit in 1972. She immediately began teaching English and French at Southfield Lathrup High School. Margaret's intelligence and curiosity led her to become an early innovator and she developed the English as a Second Language Curriculum at her school in 1973. Margaret earned a Master of Teaching in Reading in 1975 and Special Education in 1981. She continued her studies at Wayne State University earning a Master of Science in Library Sciences in 1993. Margaret retired after 31 years of teaching. Margaret loved to learn, travel and explore. She went on planes, trains, ships,

buses, cars, and even horses. She visited France, Italy, Germany, Portugal, Spain, England, Scotland, Ireland, China, Greece, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, numerous tropical islands, and Argentina. Her goal was to visit all 50 states of her beloved country and she almost made it. Music has been important to Margaret. During high school she performed in the musical productions "Oklahoma" and "West Side Story." She studied classical piano for twenty years and has been a supporter of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra even longer. Margaret has been dancing her entire life. First on top of her daddy's feet and then she studied tap. About 15 years ago, Margaret began to study ballroom dancing. She said, "Dancing is sublime for the mind and heart." She developed many wonderful friendships and became an accomplished ballroom dancer, having received numerous awards. The family will gather with friends Saturday at 10 AM and they will celebrate her life at an 11 AM memorial service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (3 1/2 miles W of I-275) Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Development Department, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201; or Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. To share memories, please use the condolence link on this page

Tribute Wall



“ Margaret Ann Ross

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ Ed and I have appreciated so much having such great neighbors as Margaret and Jim. It has been wonderful to share things we all enjoyed together--Plymouth events, the DSO, the Plymouth Symphony, dinners and neighborhood gatherings. Margaret was such a generous and considerate person who remembered our birthdays and gave me much support as I pursued a second career in teaching. She had such strength of character, grace, intelligence and an uplifting positive spirit. Ed and I will so greatly miss her! Jim, as always, you know can continue to count on our support and friendship.

Ed & Shirley Duprey - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM



“ I enjoyed having brunch at the Golden Fox the one time and seeing her at Butch's parties. May she rest in peace.

Bob Holzhauer - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM



“ Jim, my deepest sympathies go out to you and your family for your unimaginable loss. May all your friends and family members surround you to help you through this difficult time. Kathy Keeton

Kathy Keeton - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

YT

“ My deepest condolences to Margaret's husband and family. I didn't know Margaret well, but she and I took lessons from the same piano teacher and since her lesson was just before mine, I would greet her upon arriving. I had always hoped to get to know her better. When I heard of her illness, I wrote her and received a wonderful note in return. Margaret was often in my thoughts and prayers. She sounds like a remarkable women and I'm sorry I didn't know her better. Yvonne Tomaszewski

Yvonne Tomaszewski - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

TT

“ Jim and family, I'm so sorry to hear about Margaret's passing. I'll try to make it on Saturday but already have tentative plans. Pleae forgive me for sending an email birthday card to her. I didn't find out until today the 16th. Tim & Terese Tuohey

Tim Tuohey - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

TD

“ Kathy and Margie were friends since high school and because of that I have known Margie for most of my life. We kept in touch and even though she was fighting her own battle she always made sure to keep Kathy in her thoughts and prayers. We lost Kathy almost one year to the day of Margie's passing. I know that they are together now enjoying each others company and maybe a show or two. Margie was sweet and caring and shared her teaching experience with my daughter who is now a teacher. She was graceful and I will miss her smile and thoughtfulness. God's blessing to her and her family. Theresa Zechmeister

Theresa, sister of Kathy (Tandeski) Davis - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

RB

“ Jim my prayers will be with you in coming days. The Lord has reasons and I am sure Margaret is contented now. If I can do anything to help you in the future please do not hesitate to give me a call or email. sincerely, bob

Robert Behnke - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

RG

“ I cannot begin to tell you how sad I am. I will keep Margaret in my heart forever. Please accept my condolences.

Roger Gabriels - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

BM

“ Jim and family, Carol and I were saddened to hear of Margaret's passing. We did not know her for long, but it did not take long to see what a special person she was. She will be missed. Please accept our deepest sympathies. Bob and Carol Mull

Bob and Carol Mull - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

SG

“ My sweet and beautiful cousin--I will always remember her just as she is in this lovely picture. She was always beautifully dressed and a smile beaming from ear to ear. Her beauty radiated from the inside. She was the "glue" that held The Ross Klan together. Her efforts in this endeavor have been passed along to future generations. I will always miss her, but I will never forget her. Family reunions will always be wonderful---but they will not be the same without her.

Steve Galgoul - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

GL

“ LOVE & PRAYERS TO THE ROSS FAMILY. ALTHOUGH I NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET MARGARET, SHE SOUNDS LIKE SHE WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL PERSON. I KNOW HER SISTER RITA SURE SPOKE SO HIGHLY OF HER AND WILL MISS HER TERRIBLY. MY PRAYERS GO OUT FOR THE ROSS FAMILY. LOVE, GLORIA LOEB

GLORIA LOEB - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

ML

“ I truly regret that I will be in Boston during the time that visitation will be going on. I will play a special song in honor of Margaret during one of our concerts. My condolences to you on your loss. Sincerely, Mark

MARK LOGSDON - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

DL

“ I miss the Sat. morning classes and the random social dancing we did..... The after Ford Dance get together.... Thanks for your dance passion.... Condolence to all the family. DL

Duane Locke - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

JT

“ Our thoughts and love are with you all in this time of sorrow for such a dear and beautiful daughter, sister, wife and stepmother. Margaret walked a path of gentle grace, vitality and kindness that showed with each visit we shared. May heaven be gentle, embracing and loving with her sweet soul.

John and Sharon Teiber - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

CP

“ No words can ease your pain; may your memories and love of family and friends help you through these days.

Charlotte Livernois & Bob Perry - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

JH

“ Our condolences to all of us who have had the pleasure of Margaret's joy in our lives. She danced in our hearts. And still does. Thanks for the joy, Margaret.

Jim and Linda Hopper - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

BB

“ The world is just not going to be the same with one less wonderful person in it. I know that the boys will miss Aunt Margaret more than words can say. Our heart goes out to the remaining brothers, sister, and mother during your time of loss. May God watch over each and everyone just a little more often than needed.

Betsy and Boys - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

GY

“ i AM SO VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, Margaret was just a lovely lady and I know she will be missed by all of those people whose lives she touched.

GAIL YOUNG - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

CK

“ Margaret was a truly wonderful friend who was such an inspiration to me. Her love of family and friends was obvious to anyone who knew her. I was with her when she met Jim and was able to watch their love grow and to see the wonderful couple they became. She cherished you Jim. I feel truly blessed to have had the opportunity to know Margaret. You will ALWAYS be remembered in my heart Margaret. Love, Cheryl

Cheryl Kotlar - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

GK

“ Jim and the Ross Family, our deepest love to you and your family. Margaret my longtime friend. I am a better person for having Margaret in my life. Margaret, always thoughtful, remembering my birthday, always kind and loving. We will miss Margaret, she will always be in my heart. Jim - Kevin I are always here for you. Love to the Ross Family. Love from Ginny and Kevin Gore

Ginny & Kevin - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

AD

“ So sorry to hear this news, Margaret was very brave in her battle and I was honored to sit by her at the Senior Olympics Dance Event. She was a wonderful lady, always happy, and I know how she loved her dancing! Always enjoyed watching her dance with Michael at Stardust, well, i think everyone did! She was a sweetheart. Deepest Sympathy to all of her family and friends.

Ann Marie Derscha - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

VS

“ My deepest condolences to Margaret's family for this untimely loss. Margaret was always sweet, kind, positive, and caring. I always knew that I had a friend in the room when Margaret was there. She always had something nice to say to me, and about everyone. She made me feel welcome when I was new to ballroom dancing and encouraged me with an open, genuine enthusiasm. She was patient, thoughtful, soft spoken, and lit up any surroundings that she graced. May her soul rest in peace and her memory light the way for us all. I am so saddened from your struggle with this illness and at your passing but I am so blessed to have known you, Margaret. God's Blessings.

Viviane Shammas - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

JP

“ Aunt Margaret, I was blessed to have had you in my life for 36 years. You have touched my life so profoundly. I will remember the weekends we spent with you and Uncle Bob. The fake vomit and the whoopie cushions. Then when you brought Jim into our lives we shared many 4th of July picnics together in Plymouth Park. I will truly miss those times. I am blessed that Alex was able to spend 6 wonderful years with you. He only got to see a portion of your love but you have touched his life deeply. Alex and I will miss you so much! Until we meet again. All my love, Jenny

JENNIFER PERRY - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

BC

“ We will always remember Margaret's 1000-watt smile and beautiful spirit. We will miss her on the dance floor, but we are sure she is dancing with the angels now.

Bob & Louise Campbell - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM