



Margaret R. Speckien

June 8, 1948 - November 17, 2009

Loving Wife and Mother Age 61 of Vadnais Heights Passed away unexpectedly at Regions Hospital on Nov. 17, 2009. Margaret was born on June 8, 1948, to Florine (Barker) and Earle Lewis in Eau Claire, WI. She graduated from Eau Claire Memorial High School in 1966, and married Jim Speckien in Eau Claire on June 12, 1970. Margaret received an M.S. Degree from UW-Eau Claire, and taught middle school in Augusta, WI. When she and Jim moved to St. Paul, MN in 1977, Margaret began what would become a thirty year career with the Anoka-Hennepin School District. Margaret loved teaching and worked tirelessly to help her students learn to transfer their classroom inquiry and discovery into a sense of curiosity, critical thinking, and appreciation for the beautiful and amazing world that surrounded them. She made a lasting and deep impression on many, many young lives. Margaret will be greatly missed by her loving family and many circles of close friends. She will be remembered as a passionate, vibrant, intelligent, and articulate woman who enjoyed a variety of interests such as travel, music, hiking, reading, gardening, and golf. She gave 100% of herself to whatever she pursued. Those who had the great honor to know and love Margaret will always picture her laughing, dancing, and enjoying life to the hilt. Margaret is survived by her husband Jim, and daughter Emily (Mike) Lindgren of St. Paul, brother Fred (Janet) Lewis of Bruce, WI, sister Sandy (Joe) Rast, of Racine, WI. She was preceded in death by her parents and beloved daughter Amanda. A visitation will be held Sunday, Nov. 22, from 2-6 p.m. at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-

PURCELL Funeral Home, 515 Hwy. 96 West, Shoreview, MN. Funeral services for Margaret will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, Nov. 23, at WHITE BEAR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 1851 Birch St., White Bear Lake, MN. Friends may call an hour before services at the church. Burial will follow at Incarnation Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Margaret Speckien Memorial Fund or donor's choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ *The best kind of friends are the ones that you share good times with. A friend who can make you laugh is worth a handful who can't. So often we walk around with the weight of the world on our shoulders. Our bodies become tense. Having humor in your life is not just a matter of good time, it's also a matter of living happy. Often when you have a friendship that has lasted a long time you continue to share memories of humorous interactions that you shared. This may be the glue that holds the friendship together. Till we see each other again dear friend. Your Friend . . . cousin Steve*

Cousin Steve Litchfield - November 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *It is with a sad heart that I write this message of deepest sympathy to Jim, Emily and her husband Mike upon your loss. Our family was blessed having known Margaret. With her ever sunny disposition, it was always a pleasure to be around her. She was a amazing wife, mother and friend and will be greatly missed. We hope it comforts you to know that she is reunited with Mandy in heaven. May God Bless you and guide you through this difficult time and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you always. Pat, Dirk, Drew Hample, Blair and Chris Bond*

Pat Hample - November 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *Jim and Emily,*

*We are so very sorry for the loss of Margaret.
You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,
Gail Minger and other parent advocates.
Michael Minger Memorial Foundation*

Gail Minger - November 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Dear Emily and Family,*

I hope each day gets easier. I am very grateful to have been able to work with Margaret and get to know her while I was at CRMS. She is a truly beautiful person inside and out. Your family is in my prayers.

*God Bless,
Dawn Pettit*

Dawn Pettit - November 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM