



## Margie Ann Thurin

February 8, 1934 - April 7, 2024

Margie Ann Thurin

Margie (Sebastiani) Thurin of Edina, Minnesota, passed away April 7, 2024, surrounded by her children. Throughout 90 amazing years, she touched many lives as a wife, mother, sister, aunt, and friend.

Born on February 8, 1934, in Cincinnati, Ohio, Margie was well-educated, fun-loving, and she valued building community. Her sense of leadership was influenced by her Catholic women's education at the Ursuline Academy in Brown County Ohio and Edgecliff College (BA '56). Margie also attended Xavier University (M.Ed.'67) and University of Minnesota (MSW '77).

She met David Paul Thurin of Canton, Ohio at Xavier University. They were married in 1958, and together raised five children, marched for peace, and worked for social justice. They moved multiple times in Ohio and ultimately to Minnesota in 1969.

Margie found joy in reading, golf, bridge, book club, adventure club, and crossword puzzles. Her laughter echoed through gatherings with friends, holiday celebrations, and in summer vacations at The Lodge. In 1973, Margie and David co-founded a community newspaper in the East Calhoun neighborhood which is still published today.

Her career began in the Edgecliff College alumni office, and continued at home for 20 years. After David's Parkinson's diagnosis, she became a Hennepin County social worker helping to resettle refugees, then serving as a supervisor in the county's inaugural services to seniors' program. Margie's tireless advocacy work in the Parkinson's community led to recognition in 2003 by the Struthers Parkinson's Center.

An active member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church for 55 years, Margie served in many roles, including Parish Council President. She was a founding member of the SJA CARE Committee that distributes emergency cash to neighbors in need. Margie had a vision for a modern Catholic church that was inclusive and responsive to the community.

Preceded in death by her husband, her parents, Joseph and Helen "Nell" (Burns) Sebastiani, and her brother Joseph Sebastian.

Margie is survived by her 5 children: Anne Hacker (Theodore); Christopher (Mary Moran); Sara Thurin Rollin (Steve); Gregory (Susan Hoese); Jane Collier (Kevin); 17 grandchildren: Nicholas (Carson Tobias), Peter, and Katherine Hacker; Paul (Brooke Struwe), Matthew, and Grace Thurin; Robert, William, and Charles Rollin; Jessica Geier (John), Joseph, Michael, Thomas, and Noelle Thurin; Sarah, Andrew, and Catherine Collier, and 2 great grandchildren, Peter Geier and another due in June!

She is survived by brother-in-law Louie Thurin of Minerva, Ohio, and sisters-in-law Mary Lou Chambliss of Ashburn, Va., Mary Elizabeth Freeman of Incline Village, Nev.

She also is survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and important friends, including Maryellen Baumann whom Margie loved like a sister.

Visitation is Thursday, April 18, 4-7 pm at Washburn-McReavy, 5000 W. 50 St. & Highway 100, Edina, Minn.

Mass of Christian Burial is Friday, April 19, with visitation at 9 a.m., Mass at 10 a.m. and a reception to follow at St. Joan of Arc, 4537 3rd Ave. S. Minneapolis.

To honor Margie's vibrant spirit guests are invited to wear a pop of pink. A private interment follows at Lakewood Cemetery.

Those wishing to honor Margie's life may support organizations she was passionate about, such as the St. Joan of Arc CARE Committee ([saintjoanofarc.org](http://saintjoanofarc.org)) or Alzheimer's Association ([alz.org](http://alz.org)).

[www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com)

Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436

## Visitation

APR 19. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church  
4537 3rd Ave S  
Minneapolis, MN 55419

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church  
4537 3rd Ave S  
Minneapolis, MN 55419

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ I remember when I visited Uncle David and Aunt Margie, and then Aunt Margie after David died, were always anxious to share with me the place where they worshiped. Each was always very inclusive, very open, very justice oriented and "on the edge" right where Jesus is! They both stretched me in all the best ways. May Margie's spirit live on!

*Love and prayers, Jeanne Thurin HM*

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**Jeanne Thurin HM** - April 20, 2024 at 07:50 AM

AS

“ Alyson S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margie Ann Thurin.

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**Alyson S.** - April 19, 2024 at 07:18 PM

AE

“ Dear Family and friends of Marge Thurin,

*I was so sorry to hear of Marge's passing. She had been a wonderful personal and social work friend and model of continuing to service to others even after her professional retirement . She acted out her Christian faith in many ways and I so appreciated her actions. My husband also had Parkinsonism and we shared many cups of coffee and laughs supporting each other I am truly sorry that I am unable to attend Marge's reviewal or mass, but health related issues make this complicated for me. I will continue to offer up my prayers for Marge and her loving family and am happy to send a memorial in her honor Alice Evans*

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**Alice Evans** - April 18, 2024 at 01:10 PM

AE

“ Alice E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margie Ann Thurin.

Alice E. - April 18, 2024 at 01:03 PM

SK

“ Sarah K. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Margie Ann Thurin.



Sarah K. - April 17, 2024 at 11:19 AM

CT

“ Chris, Pam, Julien and Sarah Thurin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margie Ann Thurin.

Chris, Pam, Julien and Sarah Thurin - April 16, 2024 at 10:37 PM

CT

“ Chris, Pam, Julien and Sarah Thurin purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Margie Ann Thurin.



Chris, Pam, Julien and Sarah Thurin - April 16, 2024 at 10:37 PM

LL

“ Larry. Maryellen and Laura planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margie Ann Thurin.

Larry. Maryellen and Laura - April 16, 2024 at 02:54 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margie Ann Thurin.*



April 16, 2024 at 02:54 PM



“ *Ameriprise-Michael Lawson & Scott Neils purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Margie Ann Thurin.*



**Ameriprise-Michael Lawson & Scott Neils** - April 16, 2024 at 09:43 AM



“ *Eric and Jill Haverkamp purchased the Pretty Ple ase for the family of Margie Ann Thurin.*



**Eric and Jill Haverkamp** - April 15, 2024 at 01:06 PM



“ *I had the good fortune to meet Marge and David at St Joan of Arc, sitting behind them for years. My “people” and Marge became friends. Her quiet presence masked the adventurous, feisty, fun loving woman I came to know. Sally and family, I’m sorry for this loss. Your mom was one of a kind.*  
*Barb McFarlane*

**Barb Mcfarlane** - April 15, 2024 at 08:29 AM

SR

*Barb - I am relieved that somehow this news reached you. You have been on my mind, but just beyond my finger tips. Thank you for this note. I have thought of you often. It means the world to hear from you, Sally*

Sally Thurin Rollin - April 15, 2024 at 10:52 AM

 Beth-Ann Bloom

“ *I was blessed to be taken in by Marge simply because I had the good fortune of sitting next to her once at St Joan of Arc. She is one of the few adults who effectively scolded me and set me straight (did she have practice?) but my sweetest memories of Marge are laughing so hard with her during mass that we were shushed by other parishioners. Her greatest loves were her children and grandchildren. Now that her spirit and her husk of a body have gone on, may all of her loves hold Marge in their hearts forever.*

Beth-Ann Bloom - April 14, 2024 at 12:50 PM

SR

*Beth Ann -- I had you on my list to reach, I know I have your phone number. You were part of my parent's crew at SJA. Thanks for your loving message, Sally*

Sally Thurin Rollin - April 15, 2024 at 10:53 AM

MS

“ *Greg and family, I'm sorry to hear of your mother's passing. My sympathies to you and your family.*  
*Mary Jo Schultz*

Mary Jo Schultz - April 14, 2024 at 08:48 AM

ER

“ *Ellen R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margie Ann Thurin.*

Ellen R. - April 13, 2024 at 12:13 PM

BM

“ Barb and Jeff Morrill planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margie Ann Thurin.

Barb and Jeff Morrill - April 12, 2024 at 10:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Margie Ann Thurin.



April 12, 2024 at 10:32 PM

TJ

“ The Freeman Family - Aunt Mary Elizabeth, Molly, Peter, Michele, Jim, Rick, Tammy, Lisa, Travis, Dan and Jill purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Margie Ann Thurin.



The Freeman Family - Aunt Mary Elizabeth, Molly, Peter, Michele, Jim, Rick, Tammy, Lisa, Travis, Dan and Jill - April 12, 2024 at 04:13 PM

DH

“ Diana H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margie Ann Thurin.

Diana H. - April 12, 2024 at 12:08 PM

ES

“ I am blessed to have been able to build a friendship in your last years, I will never have a better Thursday night date. Thanks for having me as your plus one... In my heart forever, Elizabeth

Elizabeth Sloan - April 12, 2024 at 09:41 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Margie Ann Thurin.



April 12, 2024 at 09:40 AM

BB

“ She was a bit of a scamp. We used to sneak into company cafeterias when we worked downtown just to compare menus. We liked Lutheran Brotherhood the best.

An unforgettable woman. Love from Betty

Betty Beier - April 12, 2024 at 07:15 AM

KR

“ Kris Rausch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margie Ann Thurin.

Kris Rausch - April 11, 2024 at 10:34 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margie Ann Thurin.*



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April 11, 2024 at 10:34 PM



“ *Dear family.....it's a tough time and a beautiful time.....you were blessed to have her as your mom.....She was pretty darned amazing.....I will always remember her laughter... especially, at the Lodge. She was always welcoming to all the extra friends that came along to enjoy the time. Her commitment and love for David was so beautiful to see. May she be welcomed into the loving arms of her creator....*

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

*~Amen~*

*Kandice and Pat*

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**Kandice K Barnes** - April 11, 2024 at 09:03 PM