



Margaret Ann Orlando

June 8, 1939 - March 24, 2025

On March 24, 2025, our family's Head Leprechaun took her leave of this world to be with Joe, her beloved husband of 65 years, and her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. After Joe passed earlier this year, Margaret missed his presence, and she patiently waited for him to come and take her home. Margaret Ann Orlando (nee Dorcey) was a soft-spoken woman who, more than once, for more than one, was able to calm the anxious – she will be missed.

Family. Lots and lots of family. Margaret was blessed with a large family, and she loved her sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She spent hours each day looking at her Skylight frame loaded with family photos that brought a smile to her face. Margaret is survived by: Ken (Carrie) Orlando, Tim (Karen) Orlando, Paul (Susan) Orlando, Mark (Cindy) Orlando, Steve (Lisa) Orlando, Matt (Monica) Orlando, Chris Orlando, and Jeff (Carrie) Orlando. Margaret was the proud and loving grandmother of Caitlin (Nigel) Orlando-Salez, Alex (Alexis) Orlando, Nick (Jordan) Orlando, Kathryn Orlando and Matthew Spaly, Emily (Charles) Cane, Olivia Orlando, Brian Orlando, Colin (Ashley) Orlando, Erick Orlando, Sarah Orlando, Jacob Orlando, Claire Orlando, Grace Orlando, Benjamin Orlando, Patrick Orlando, Cheyenne Orlando, Connor Orlando, and Madeleine Orlando. She also leaves behind five great-grandchildren, Gabriel Orlando, Dagny Orlando, Leo Orlando, Eva Orlando-Spaly, and Blake Orlando. Her nieces and nephews and their

children are too numerous to count, but they all had a special place in her heart, as did her loving sister, Mary Brack (nee Dorcey). She was predeceased by her husband Joseph, her parents, Patrick Dorcey and Alice (nee Mould) Dorcey, and her great-grandson, Rory Orlando-Spaly.

Shannon L. Alder said that you should “Carve your name on hearts, not gravestones. A legacy is written into the minds of others and the tales they share about you.” That is exactly what Margaret did during her life. She was born on June 8, 1939, and she was the baby of her family, trailing behind three older brothers (Gerry, Frank and Ed) and two older sisters (Mary and Rita). Margaret had a passion for education that she shared with her children and grandchildren. After graduating from St. David High School in 1957 Margaret took a hiatus from her formal education and instead enrolled in the school of life (from which she earned a PhD). She later joined her son, Mark, in 1984 when they attended St. Mary’s College together. Margaret graduated four years later with dual majors in Theology and Psychology, following which she earned a Master of Arts from Marygrove College.

The early years of Margaret’s marriage to Joe were filled with raising her children, but that never stopped her from actively pursuing other interests. She crocheted countless afghans and Christmas stockings, she was an accomplished cake decorator, she was a voracious reader of periodicals, novels, and books of faith, and to help feed her growing brood, she taught herself how to can and freeze whatever came out of her father’s farm on Burnsline Road or her husband’s garden on Shady Drive. She believed that her boys needed to know “bachelor survival skills”, so everyone was taught how to cook meals, clean the house, thread a needle for emergency repairs, do laundry (including ironing), balance a checkbook, etc.

A cradle Catholic, Margaret shared her faith with her family, friends, and acquaintances. From an early age she instilled in her boys the importance of

practicing their faith. The Orlando Family took up the entire first row at St. Louise for many years, and for the better part of 20 years the Orlando boys were fixtures as altar servers. Margaret was a religious education teacher who was dubbed "Pope Marge" by her teen group. Margaret was sought out by both the laity and the clergy as a Spiritual Director operating under the auspices of Spiritual Solutions, LLC. As her children grew and became more self-sufficient, Margaret gave back to the community by taking leadership roles in Marriage Encounter, Children are Precious, Call To Action, and Tri-County Celiac Support Group.

Margaret was fiercely proud of her Irish heritage, and for more years than you can count she hosted a massive St. Patrick's Day party for family and friends; a tradition that has since been carried on by Paul and Susan. Large holiday gatherings held a special place in Margaret's heart. She loved to be surrounded by her family, and she took pride in the fancy, but simple, meals that were shared on Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Margaret loved to travel and see what the world had to offer. Visiting Ireland checked an important item off her bucket-list, but one of her favorite trips was to Sicily where she was treated like royalty with special meals at every stop along their tour. Through a letter-writing campaign organized by their youngest son, Jeff, Margaret and Joe traveled to Rome where they were able to shake Pope Francis's hand after attending his weekly audience.

The Orlando family invites you to join us as we both celebrate Margaret's life and say good-bye to her. Visitation will be Friday, April 4, 2025, 2:00-9:00 pm with a Scripture Service at 7:00 pm at Wasik's Funeral Home, 49150 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Twp., Michigan 48315. Funeral will be Saturday, April 5, 2025, at 11:00 am at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 40501 Hayes Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48313. She will be interred at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township. A memorial luncheon will follow the funeral at

Fern Hill County Club. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Margaret's memory to Traditional Redemptorist Missioners, c/o Holy Redeemer House, 15959 Bryce Road, Mussey, Michigan 48014-2906, <https://redemptoris.org/donate>; Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, 1390 Quarton Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304, <https://www.manresa-sj.org/donate/>; or Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mount Elliott St, Detroit, Michigan 48207, <https://www.solanuscasy.org/help-us-serve/donate/>.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48035

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR 4. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

Scripture Service

APR 4. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

Instate in church

APR 5. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Michael Catholic Community
40501 Hayes Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Memorial Mass

APR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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40501 Hayes Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Tribute Wall



“ Wasik Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret Ann Orlando



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - April 03, 2025 at 10:57 AM

MW

“ Marge was a truly special person and a gift in my life.

I met Marge when she directed a retreat for me many years ago and I continued to meet with her on a regular basis for spiritual direction over a span of 30 years.

In addition to guiding me through the journey of my life experiences, Marge always enjoyed sharing news of her loving family, especially her many grandchildren. No doubt, Marge touched many lives including my own.

My condolences to all of the Orlando family.

We can be assured that Marge is smiling lovingly and looking down on all of us as she and Joe are with our Lord.

*Mike Wood
Toledo, Ohio*

Mike Wood - June 13, 2025 at 06:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Margaret Ann Orlando.

April 04, 2025 at 09:33 PM



“ Diane F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Ann Orlando.

Diane F. - April 04, 2025 at 07:37 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Margaret Ann Orlando.



April 03, 2025 at 12:22 PM

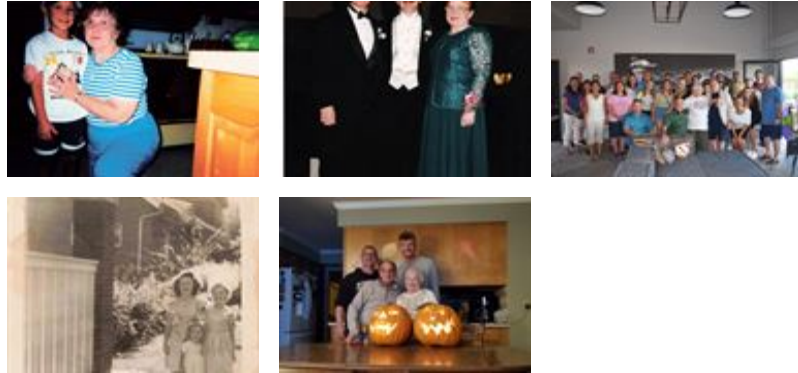


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April 03, 2025 at 12:22 PM



“ 726 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - April 02, 2025 at 05:25 PM



“ *Michael and Karen Carsley purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Margaret Ann Orlando.*



Michael and Karen Carsley - April 02, 2025 at 05:21 PM



“ 310 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - April 02, 2025 at 03:57 PM

PN

“ *Phil and Megan Novak purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Margaret Ann Orlando.*



Phil and Megan Novak - April 02, 2025 at 08:31 AM

JD

“ *My deepest sympathies, condolences and prayers to and for all the Orlando family. I am a second cousin of Margaret. We first met in Detroit back in 1979. I think she liked me a lot because I had the same name as her father. She was a great lady, even with, or especially because of a slight twist of Dorcey stubbornness and orneriness in her! She is undoubtedly in a good place now, far beyond all pain, suffering and sorrow, bathed in the warmth and light of God's eternal love.*

Fr. Joseph P. Dorcey, C.Ss.R.

Joseph P. Dorcey - April 01, 2025 at 06:06 PM

CC

“ *Chris Benjamin Lucas Patrick Cheyenne purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Margaret Ann Orlando.*



Chris Benjamin Lucas Patrick Cheyenne - April 01, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Ann Orlando.*



March 31, 2025 at 01:36 PM



“ *Dan, Lindsey and George purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Margaret Ann Orlando.*



Dan, Lindsey and George - March 31, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ *Unfortunately, I never had the opportunity to meet this beautiful woman, wife and mother. I can only speak to the reflection of her heart and soul that survives in her children. Tim is my friend and partner in the practice of law. Over the last 5-6 years we have shared time together in business and personal relationship. Tim is a consummate gentleman, pillar of faith and beacon of light, hope and joy in a world that is arguably fallen in many ways. Mrs. Orlando together with her Husband Joe created a platoon of children that are all fine Catholic men that will live on in the Catholic spirit of love, faith and hope. Indeed, the fine Catholic man that Tim is reflects and speaks volumes for his mother and father. May she and her recently departed husband receive their immediate eternal reward of ever lasting life in Christ Jesus, and may the perpetual life shine upon her and all the faithfully departed. Amen*

Joseph Ejbeh - March 31, 2025 at 12:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Ann Orlando.



March 31, 2025 at 11:50 AM



“ Love the Kehoes purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Margaret Ann Orlando.



Love the Kehoes - March 31, 2025 at 10:06 AM



“ Love the Kehoes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Ann Orlando.

Love the Kehoes - March 31, 2025 at 10:06 AM



“ Dave and Mary Shears purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Margaret Ann Orlando.



Dave and Mary Shears - March 29, 2025 at 12:45 PM

DS

“ Dave and Mary Shears planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Ann Orlando.

Dave and Mary Shears - March 29, 2025 at 12:45 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Margaret Ann Orlando.



March 28, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Ann Orlando.



March 28, 2025 at 03:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Margaret Ann Orlando.

March 28, 2025 at 03:17 PM

MM

“ I was teaching catechism at Pearl Lean grade school on Saturdays. One of my students was an Orlando boy. We were talking about brothers and sisters and he told me his mom has just had a new baby and now he had six brothers. I told him co granulation’s and said I’d like to meet his mom. She came in to class one day. I would never believe the closeness we would share as couples once we both made a marriage encounter weekend and became team couples. Later on we shared doing the reservations for M.E. For two years. Then later still we’re attending spiritual direction classes at Colombiere. Our kids attended the same high school. Always loved Marge and Joe. RIP. Dear friend.

Maryann Musser - March 28, 2025 at 03:07 PM

MF

“ McCallum Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Margaret Ann Orlando.



McCallum Family - March 28, 2025 at 02:52 PM

MF

“ McCallum Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Ann Orlando.

McCallum Family - March 28, 2025 at 02:52 PM