



Margaret Ann Renouf

April 19, 1947 - June 3, 2026

Margaret Ann Renouf, a gifted artist, devoted wife, loving mother, proud grandmother, cherished sister and friend, passed away peacefully at her residence in Harrison Township, Mich., on June 3, 2026, at the age of 79.

Born on April 19, 1947, in Detroit, Mich., Margaret was the beloved daughter of Pasquale and Emma Monte. She graduated from St. Mary's Catholic School in 1965 while working at her family's bakery, Country Style, in Chesterfield. Here, she worked as head decorator alongside her six younger sisters. She learned the value of hard work and dedication while also using her artistry to create beautiful cakes.

An exceptionally talented seamstress, there was nothing Margaret couldn't make. From boat canvasses to dresses, drapes to reupholstery, she did it all. Her most enjoyable moments behind her sewing machine were spent on the amazing Halloween costumes she lovingly made for her kids and grandkids.

Her passion for the arts extended beyond sewing and cake decorating. Margaret earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Wayne State University. She later combined her artistic eye with technical expertise while working in CAD/CAM design for an architectural firm contributing to the development of new and remodel construction projects.

Following her retirement from the architectural field, Margaret joined the family business at Phil's Pharmacy, where she worked as a clerk, helping customers and sharing stories. She was a favorite among customers and coworkers for her kind nature and compassion.

Margaret had many hobbies including gardening, antiques and staying fit and active. She was also an avid sailor who treasured time spent on Lake St. Clair with her beloved husband, Jim. Their home of 50 years across from the Clinton River provided easy access to the water and countless memories aboard their sailboat.

Above all else, Margaret's greatest love was her family. Nothing brought her more happiness than spending time with those she loved. She was a devoted wife of 55 years, a caring and supportive mother, and a grandmother whose eyes lit up whenever her grandchildren called her "Mimi." There is nothing she wouldn't do for any of them. The love she shared with her family will remain her most enduring legacy.

Margaret was the beloved wife of James Renouf for 55 years. Loving mother of Heather Chalmers, James (Carrie) Renouf, Jr., and Juliann (Michael) Brillati. Very proud grandmother of Ava, Joey, Peter, Lydia, Charlie, and Vincent. Dearest sister of Patty (Dave) Miles, Rosemary Monte, Nancy (Mike) Norman, Jeanette Monte, the late Annie Kierpaul, and the late Linda Schmidt. Adored aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Margaret will remain private. In lieu of flowers the Renouf family asks that donations be directed, in Margaret's memory, to the Glioblastoma Foundation <https://glioblastomafoundation.org/get-involved/donate/>

Tribute Wall

JR

“ I will miss Margaret. The time I spent with her was during her and Jim's Winter sojourns to Florida and I enjoyed every minute. We shared an interest in plants and I still have the bamboo she was going to plant before she got sick. I'll plant it my yard and always remember her.

Jay Rhame - June 15 at 04:57 AM

MB

“ Maria B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Ann Renouf.

Maria B. - June 13 at 03:43 PM

JG

“ Johnnie G. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Ann Renouf.

Johnnie G. - June 12 at 12:15 PM

RR

“ I started worked at the bakery all through high school. The entire Monte family was just like my own. I have wonderful memories of this time in my life. Margaret was beautiful and friendly and taught me how to be a salesperson. I offer my sincere condolences to the family and I will remember everyone with the fondest of love and memories. God bless Margaret's memory and grant peace to her family. 💔

Rhonda Hunger Ramirez - June 09 at 06:34 PM



“ *Truly Beloved Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Ann Renouf.*



June 07 at 02:36 PM



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

June 07 at 02:36 PM

AD

“ I worked with Margaret and her sisters at Country Style Bakery for many years. She taught me how to decorate cakes and I have many fond memories of spending lots of hours with her decorating cakes. She was a beautiful, kind, caring and generous person. Those years at the bakery were the best I've ever had. I was very blessed to be friends and working with her, Annie and Linda. It was an honor, privilege and a pleasure to be able to become part of the Monte family. I was always welcome in their home and Mr and Mrs zMonte were wonderful people to work for and be around. Margaret you will be greatly missed. I will forever love you. May God grant your family and friends the peace, grace and strength to get through this difficult period of sadness and mourning. May God hold you in his loving arms as you are welcomed into heaven. Amen I shall always remember and love you Margaret. It was my privilege to call you my friend.

Annette Dudash - June 07 at 12:20 AM

HW

“ When my dad (Billy, Emma's brother) was living with the young family and working with Pat, he said when he got home from work Margaret would stand at the top of the steps and yell, "Uncle Billy's home!" He cherished that memory and the entire Monte family.

Holli White - June 06 at 01:21 PM

NC

“ Margaret and I were Girl Scout leaders 40 yrs ago. Some people touch you in unforgettable ways and Margaret was one of those people. I am truly saddened by this news. May her memory live on in all of us.

Nancy Chandler - June 06 at 11:25 AM

MM

“ Margaret was such an incredibly modest, talented, kind and wonderful cousin, loved by all. We were always so happy to see her and Jim at family gatherings. We were all very blessed to have her in our lives. Rest in peace, dear cousin. ❤️

Mary Monte Morris - June 06 at 10:31 AM

DB

“ Margaret was the sweetest, kindest, most genuine friend any in-law could ask for.
Margaret was pure of heart & would never say an unkind word to anyone.
I love her dearly. Diana Brillati

Diana Brillati - June 05 at 08:35 PM