



Margaret "Margie" Topous

August 10, 1958 - January 12, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Margaret Antonia Topous ("Margie"), age 66, on January 12, 2025.

Margie was a proud, lifelong Michigander born on August 10, 1958 at Cottage Hospital in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan to Angel ("Tony") and Margaret ("Peggy", nee Siemens) Louise Topous. She deeply cherished her parents and devoted her life to honoring them with her words and her deeds, and so it is comforting to know she has been reunited with them.

Margie loved the written word and began her journey as a teenaged writer when she organized a fan club in support of one of her favorite actors, Roddy McDowell, crafting monthly newsletters and mailing them worldwide. As a reward for her efforts, she received a handwritten letter of thanks from him and was invited to meet him and Vincent Price backstage after a show in Detroit.

At her core, Margie was an actor, performing in high school productions and eventually, comedy shows at Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak. Margie's love of the arts included both stage and screen, attending over 50 productions! She was especially fond of performances that included her nieces Isabella, Eve, Leigh, Kaitlyn, LJ, and Nikola, in addition to other favorites such as Hugh Jackman, ABBA, Nathan Fillion, and Keanu Reeves

with his band, Dogstar.

Margie was a fierce supporter of her family and friends, and would send cards and packages filled with messages of love, baked goodies, and occasionally glitter. She loved Michigan and the City of Detroit, and would remind people to “Say nice things about Detroit”. Margie was certainly passionate about her beliefs, and the people and places she cared for. She was particularly proud of the Cross in the Woods in Indian River, Michigan, and the Spirit of Detroit, with her father being the head rigger during the installation of both Marshall Fredericks’ projects.

Margie graduated from Wayne State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications and Broadcasting, including a month spent studying Humanities in Europe. She used the skills she learned to help others; volunteering for many years at Channel 56 during their funding drives, and at Gilda’s Club raising funds to support women battling cancer. She spent many years writing and producing segments for Comcast Cablevision, winning several awards for her work before moving on to bigger and brighter opportunities.

Margie not only shared her talents with her employers, but with the public. She had pieces published in newspapers and magazines, but also loved taking photos and creating reviews of the places she visited for Google Maps, amassing over 2,000,000 likes for her contributions. Some of her favorite places to visit were Leo’s Coney Island, the Detroit Institute of Arts, Frankenmuth, Cranbrook Art Museum and Gardens, apple orchards in Romeo, and local art and music festivals.

Above all else, Margie considered her most important role to be when she was the caretaker of her mother, Peggy. No matter rain or shine, day or night, she would do anything that was needed. Not only were they a loving family,

they were best friends, and completely devoted to each other.

After her mother passed, Margie continued being a caregiver to others, using her experiences and eloquence with words to publish newsletters on Caregiver Support, an important topic that needs to be publicly supported by all. This extended into supporting the creation and broadcast of 'Mrs. Kelly's Journey Home: Stories of an American Family, which touches on the effects of caretaking for those with dementia.

Margie poured her heart into her writing, and a phrase from one of her writing pieces ends with the line, "Through life there have been precious moments. Memories have been made."

Margie leaves behind her closest and most treasured friend Tom Thiel; stepson, John (Amber) Crandall; step granddaughter, Ella Crandell; nieces and nephews, Eve (Mark) Allen, Kelly McCormick, Peggi (Kyle) Printz, Barbara (Rev. Mark Airey), Jacqueline (Paul) Anderson, Kurtis (Rhonda) Topous, Tony (Kristie) Topous, Jeffrey (Noelle Towner) Topous, and Lisa (Neal) Kelderhouse. Others that were also very near and dear to her heart; grand-nieces and grand-nephews Hunter, Isabella, Gabby, Nikola, Joshua, Katlyn, LJ, Jake, Luke, Dwayne, Britany, Jessie, Lexi, Emma, Jack, Cynthia, Selena, Jeffrey Jr., Kelsey, Jennifer, Nicholas, Angela, Corbin, Brandon, Elizabeth, and Jacob; cousins, Allen Gene Sharp, Mary Topous, Richard (Colleen) Topous, George Topous, and Douglas Topous; sisters Judith Angel (Jim Whitney) and Joan Parker; and many trusted and endearing friendships nurtured over the years.

She is predeceased in death by her beloved parents, Tony and Peggy; niece, Leigh Trawick; nephew, Fred Topous, Jr.; sister, Catherine Trawick; brother, Frederick Topous; uncle, Samuel Topous; aunt, May Topous; cousin, James

Topous; brother-in-law, Richard Parker; and sister-in-law, Wanda Lou Topous.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Margie's honor to TheTrevorProject <https://give.thetrevorproject.org/> and Forgotten Harvest <https://www.forgottenharvest.org/donate>

Tribute Wall

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“ *It is with great sadness that I learned of the passing of my friend Margie*

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I met her a long time ago at Macomb Community College in a film class.*

We struck up a friendship that endured the years. I regret that the currents of life caused us to drift apart.

Rest assured, Margie, that although time and distance came between us, you will always in my heart.

I miss you and I believe I will see you again

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God bless you.*

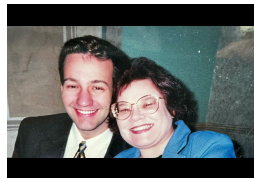
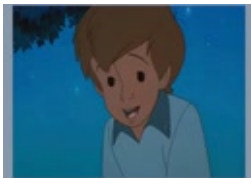
God bless your family.

- Carl Meserve

Carl Kenneth Meserve - October 01, 2025 at 05:00 AM

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“ *Margie, you would have really loved your service. Those that were closest to you gathered and shared stories, laughs, and tears. You had a good showing and were represented in purple. You made a mark on this world that will not soon be forgotten.*



Tom - July 07, 2025 at 03:10 AM

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“ *My Sincerest Condolences to the family. Margie was such a sweet coworker when we worked together at Pitney Bowes. Although we didn't talk everyday, we kept in touch after leaving Pitney Bowes. I am sadden to know that she passed. But I know she's with the Angels. I Love you Margie* 💕💕

Floretta Watson - June 23, 2025 at 08:06 PM