



## Marguerite "Margie" M. Ward

March 12, 1937 - December 24, 2021

Marguerite O'Malley Ward, "Margie", passed away peacefully on December 24, 2021. Margie, ever a fighter in every aspect of the definition, battled her illness with grace and determination while managing to keep her legendary sense of humor and a firm resolve.

Born on March 12, 1937 in Rogers Park, IL., Margie was the youngest of five children. She proudly enjoyed a devout Catholic upbringing including attending Marywood High School for Girls, Maryville College and Barat College. In 1960, while working at Walston & Co., she caught the eye of a young lawyer from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After a quick romance, Margie married Thomas ("Tom") Patrick Ward on June 3, 1961. They went on to raise their four children in Lake Forest, IL. With the exception of a 2 year work re-location in Breda, Netherlands, Margie and Tom spent the remainder of their life in Lake Forest, sending their children to school there and involving themselves in community work. Margie was essentially a "lifer" on The Women's Board of Lake Forest Hospital and she dedicated her volunteer hours to both the Trading Post located in Market Square as well as to a variety of roles at Lake Forest Hospital. Lake Forest was the foundation for lifelong friendships that carried Margie and Tom through all of life's milestones.

Known for her quick wit, unwavering devotion to family and friends, and her unique ability to connect with friends and relatives across all generations, Margie was admired and respected. She was also known for her flair for fashion. A model for many local fashion shows, clothiers favored her for her stately composure and her graceful presence. She was a spirited competitor, a force on the tennis court, an enthusiastic bridge partner and a willing participant in a heated game of Scrabble with her grandchildren. More than anything, though, it was her pride in and love for her family that stood out most about Margie. Whether it was helping to care for her newborn triplet grandchildren or tending to her beloved husband in his final years, she was reliable, comforting, and capable.

Margie's legacy will be carried on by her loving family: Jenny (Wylie Collins), Pat (Laurie), Sheila (Joe Lamb), Mary (Chris Bires) and Margie's twelve adoring grandchildren: Kelsey, Ross, Nicholas, Tommy, Megan, Grace, Lucy, Michael, Elizabeth, Kevin, Maggie, and

Sarah. She is pre-deceased by her devoted husband of 56 years.

Margie's family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to her devoted caretakers and to JourneyCare for their unwavering and loving attention to her in her final time with us. Thanks to their professional and compassionate care, Margie was able to be at home surrounded by those who loved her most. Please, in lieu of flowers, consider a donation to Journey Care ([www.journeycare.org](http://www.journeycare.org)). A funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, January 8 at 10:00am at the Church of St. Mary, 175 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL. The service will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person at <https://www.facebook.com/ChurchofStMaryLF/videos/>.

For more information, contact Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest at 847-234-9649 or [www.RTfunerals.com](http://www.RTfunerals.com).

# Events

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## JAN Funeral Mass

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Church of St. Mary

175 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL, US, 60045

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest** - December 31, 2021 at 11:39 AM

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“ My heartfelt sympathy to the Ward family. I have such wonderful memories of summers around Knollwood pool growing up and the entire Ward family plays a big part of that. Thinking of you all knowing that all of your warm memories will sustain you always.  
Love,  
Susan Anderson

**Susan Anderson** - January 04 at 12:50 PM

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“ Margie was the most warm and friendly neighbor. When I first moved in Margie was the only one that came to my door and welcomed me and asked if I could get a bridge game going! She was always so delightful whenever we came across each other. She came to our coffee on Thanksgiving and it was wonderful to see her in her festive clothing and she added so much to our conversation. A truly classic Lake Forest Treasure. She will be missed. God Bless

Mary Kay Brunner

**Mary Kay Brunner** - January 04 at 11:34 AM