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Margaret M. Devereaux of Royal Oak, passed peacefully away after a long illness on July 8, 2023.

Born in Detroit to Kathleen (McDermott) and John J. Devereaux, she is survived by her loving brother Richard (Elizabeth) Devereaux. She was preceded in death by her brother John and sisters Irene, Sharon and Marilyn and nephew John. She is survived by and showered love on ten nieces & nephews, numerous great nieces & nephews, great-great niece & nephews, loving extended family and countless dear friends.

Margaret was a whirlwind force to be reckoned with. Fiercely independent, she accumulated a vast array of life experiences. Always a spiritual seeker, she was a member of the Adrian Dominican Sisters as a young woman, where she made lifelong friends while teaching, administering programs and performing community work in Illinois. Always a lifelong learner, Margaret earned two masters degrees and was accredited in Clinical Pastoral Education.

Always an activist, Margaret participated in and led several community groups

with a social justice emphasis and actively volunteered for political movements to help make the world a better place. She excelled at bringing people together, getting things done and was an active member of her church.

Always a professional, Margaret was a teacher, principal, college lecturer, and psychotherapist. She helped develop and then was the first Director of Therapy for Chemical Dependency at Henry Ford Maplegrove Hospital in West Bloomfield, MI. She served on a State of Michigan Task Force creating treatment plans for chemically dependent women. During the last three-plus decades of her work life, Margaret maintained an active private psychotherapy practice in Birmingham, MI.

Always witty and fun loving, Margaret cooked for friends and family, adding games and thoughtful discussion topics for her dinner guests. She thrived on being around people and was a great story teller. She planned outings, loved the Tigers and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and was always up to try out the latest restaurant in her beloved Detroit. She was an animal lover and nurtured a few lucky pets. Quite the adventurer, she traveled to many far points of the earth. She loved journaling and poetry. Margaret led a remarkable life and embraced the journey to the fullest!

Friends may visit Friday, July 21 from 2 - 8 p.m. at Wm Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, July 22 at 10:00 a.m. (visitation 9:00) at Our Mother of Perpetual Help - St. James Church, 241 Pearson St, Ferndale, MI 48220.

Margaret will be hosting one last meal for friends with a luncheon following the funeral Mass. The luncheon will be held at Our Mother of Perpetual Help - Fatima Church, 13500 Oak Park Blvd, Oak Park, MI 48327.

Inurnment will be at OMPH-St Fatima Church Oak Park columbarium.

Memorials may be made to Adrian Dominican Sisters (<https://adriandominicans.org/>), the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (<https://www.dso.org/>) or Royal Oak Animal Shelter (<https://www.romi.gov/362/Animal-Shelter>).

Share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **21.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Funeral Mass

JUL **22.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Mother of Perpetual Help ~ Ferndale
241 Pearson
Ferndale, MI 48220

Tribute Wall

TR

“ I am so blessed and lucky to have had such a wonderful friend as Margaret for over 75 years. We met in grade school and have been close friends ever since. From our summer trips to Canada, to just talking about life for so many years after, I'm so grateful to have had such a wise and kind-hearted friend. You will be in my thoughts and prayers forever.

Trudy Rimer - August 07, 2023 at 05:12 PM

IL

“ We at Conversations on Race want to express our heart-felt condolences to Margaret's family and friends. We knew her as a woman of such class, passion, and grace, a redhead with a wonderful laugh and a well-considered opinion on most any topic. Politics, including Catholic Church politics, and anti-racism were favorites. She had a very generous heart and was a gifted listener and thinker with a great sense of humor. Humble, she often laughed at herself.

She was also a leader in many arenas, including the peace and justice group at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Ferndale-Oak Park, that sponsored the 2018 Unity Picnic with Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Detroit. A short time later we nurtured that venture into Conversations on Race with Margaret's encouragement and help. Margaret was a great fan of the group and participated as long as she could.

We will miss Margaret's voice at Conversations on Race and are much better people for having known her.

Irene Lietz - July 17, 2023 at 11:01 AM

SL

“ Margaret was one of my mother's closet friends for years. She became part of our family and was included in our family gatherings and holidays. We all loved her witty humor and kindness and we will miss her so much.

Shelli and Scott Lempert

shelli lempert - July 13, 2023 at 07:44 AM

RL

“ Margaret was a wonderful neighbor with a great sense of humor. She was especially fond of our three year old granddaughter Olivia. Margaret will be greatly missed. May remembering the good times bring her family and friends peace.

Rick and Marilyn Lane - July 11, 2023 at 03:35 PM

FS

“ The years that I have known Margaret since she joined the Jesuit Volunteers which have been meeting at Manresa Retreat House has offered me the opportunity to meet and interact a wonderful, creative, faithful friend of Jesus and all of us here at Manresa. I will be offering Mass for her and all her family members and friends later today. May she rest in the glorious peace of every last life.

Fr. Leo Cachat, S.J. - July 11, 2023 at 11:32 AM

BW

“ Margaret was the best next door neighbor a person could have. We were neighbors for 40 years and we went through so many milestones together. I am going to miss her so much, my heart is broken.

Barbara Wheeler - July 10, 2023 at 09:19 PM