



## Margo Jane Brabant

October 24, 1946 - August 11, 2013

Margo Jane Brabant, age 66, a resident of Royal Oak, died August 11, 2013. She was born October 24, 1946 in Detroit to the late William and Margot Collins Brabant. Margo was a graduate of Shrine High School and the Center of Creative Studies. She began her career in the framing business in New York City. Upon her return home, she opened her own frame shop "The Framemaker" in Birmingham, MI which thrived for 30 years and built up quite a large and loyal clientele. She then moved her business to her Royal Oak home and continued until her health worsened. Margo also worked at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, where she made many good friends. Margo was a devout Catholic and was very devoted to "Right to Life" which led her to spend many years providing support and care to single expectant mothers, which also led her to adopt her son Blaine. That is why we have picked "Mary's Mantle" who supports single expectant mothers for memorial donations. Margo was preceded in death by her son, Blaine A. Brabant; and brother, Richard Brabant. She is survived by her siblings, Nanette Jack Day, William Barbara Brabant, Suzanne Henry Herpel, Thomas Brabant, James Monica Brabant, Mary Jo Arthur Cairo, Jennifer Brabant, Christine Mark Preston and Philip Brabant. The visitation will be Tuesday 2-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. Rosary at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Margo will lie in state Wednesday 11:30 a.m. until the time of Mass 12 noon at the National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak. Burial at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit. Memorials to

Mary's Mantle, PO Box 115, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0115 or to the wishes of the family are appreciated. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

VK

“ I miss Margo very much. Margo was a longtime friend and we shared many meals together. Including many Birthday and Holiday dinners. Margo had a wonderful Christian Spirit within her. I have many good memories of visiting her at her shop and her home. I am sad she is gone.

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**Victor Kapla** - March 02, 2020 at 02:14 AM

EJ

“ Margo was very special to me and my family. Carrie and I benefitted from her extraordinary talent for many years and she became a good friend of us and our children. I had the benefit of working with her again a year ago and I was about to call her now to frame two pictures for me. I was looking forward to seeing her again. I am greatly saddened that I will not be able to do that. Margo was a delightful, talented, and lovely lady. We will all miss her very much. Ed Proctor

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**Ed Proctor, Jr.** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Dear family, I am so very sorry for your loss. To see a loved one suffering is hard, but losing a loved one is even harder. Take comfort in the hope found in the scriptures at John 5:28, 29 and Rev. 21:3, 4 knowing that God always keeps his promises. Please accept my condolences.

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**Karen Hall** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I got to know Margo when she and I worked at the art store together in NYC. We were both young and new to the city; I sold graphic supplies near her little framing nook in the back corner, so we talked and got to know each other. Although we were friends only about a year before she returned to Michigan, her light and kindness impressed me and I always remembered her vividly. I'm grateful that a mutual friend reconnected us last year. Margo and I had a long phone conversation last Christmastime and I was able to hear her amazing story of the 40 years since we'd last seen each other. She was a blessing for so many. Even for me, who knew her for such a short time. Condolences to her family and all who loved her.

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**Jean Gralley** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I am so sorry to hear that Mago died while I was on vacation. I would have been at the funeral. I have known Margo since grade school and recently met her again. She was a kind and friendly in her 60's as she was in elementary and high school. I remember her quiet kindness and her special artisitic talents.

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**Janice McLaughlin Despres** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ My heart breaks for all the Brabant family. Only very recently did we get reconnected since High School. I remember Margo so fondly from those schools days. She was always kind to me during difficult times and I have never forgotten. We were able to correspond briefly through the help of her sisters, it turns out we had much in common. We both adopted and both lost our sons. I'm sure Margo and Blaine will look up Keith..... M, please give him a big hug for me!!!! Margo, will be missed by so many, in so many ways. She probably never knew how many people she touched with her kindness. I am grateful to have had just a moment....I treasure it!!!!  
With love and caring, Mary Macdonald

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**Mary Macdonald** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Dear Brabant family. Margo was a lovely high school friend; always ready to smile and help whoever was in need. May her spirit rejoice in Christ and may Our Heavenly Father give her every blessing in His Presence. We will see you soon....Love, Lynda Ducher Hiltz

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**Lynda Hiltz** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Memories of Margo Margo was my godmother and very special to me. When we were kids, it was always an adventure to spend the night at Aunt Margo’s. There were checker games, puppet shows, scary stories, roller-skating in the basement, and of course always pancakes and bacon in the morning. She even had this old maroon cab she drove with no seat belts. We would slide around the backseat as she swerved back and forth giving us a quite a thrill. My mom cringes now to hear these types of stories, but that is how Margo was. She just let us be kids without restrictions. I have so many memories, but there are a few that mean the most to me. .. She was there for the birth of my son. Just knowing she was there in the waiting room gave me strength and comfort during that time. She was there when my husband walked out of the delivery room to say ‘It’s a boy!’ She was there for me after I had surgery. She heard I was having a rough time and showed up at my door to help in any way that she could. She came to my Uncle David’s funeral, which was a difficult funeral for me. I will never forget looking back and seeing her familiar face in the crowd. That smile and that wink were so uplifting. Throughout my life she was always there in the background if I needed her and now I know she will always be there in the back of my mind giving me strength and courage throughout the rest of my life. Always your GC

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**Christine Kraase** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Margo was a dear friend and a dear soul! I will miss visiting with her and our friend Joyce at our monthly prayer breakfasts that we enjoyed for many, many years until recently. Margo was one of the most thoughtful and giving people that I know. She would do anything possible to help the less fortunate and was always willing to make room in her home for someone who was having a tough time. She had a deep desire to know and serve our Lord and to grow closer to Him. Margo longed to be with Jesus in Heaven and was looking forward to seeing Blaine again. My prayers are with your family during this difficult time. May God bless you and comfort you until you are all together again! Mary Bann

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**Mary Bann** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Gods Blessings to all Tom McMahon Baraga Broadcasting

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**Tom McMahon** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Margo was such a kind, warm, loving person and she will truly be missed by all that knew her. I am happy that she is at peace now and is with her loved ones. I have no doubt Blaine and Mary and her parents were all there to greet her. May God Bless her and the rest of the Brabant family as they deal with their loss. Hugs and Prayers, Carol

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**Carol Schmit** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Dear Bill, Barb and all of the Brabant family, I'm lucky enough to have been acquainted with the Brabant family for 50 years. As a friend of Bill's and Rich's since the early 1960's, one of the unspoken benefits of hanging out at the house on Vinton was the chance to see their lovely older to me sisters, Margo and Nanette. Even in jeans or shorts they always had a special elegance and grace, which I'm sure they inherited from Mrs. Brabant. I vividly remember being at the house early one evening, I think around the Christmas holidays, when Margo and Nanette were going out to some sort of formal dance. They were both wearing fancy dresses with big skirts. They were breathtaking! It was one of those times I wished I had been a few years older. Margo was a class act and I have only good memories of her. She owned a Checker cab! How great was that!! One year there was some kind of student talent show at Shrine High and she and Bill did a scene together -- from My Fair Lady? Sorry Bill, she stole the scene. Later, when we were "grown-ups", and I still lived in the Detroit area, I would stop by her shop, sometimes ostensibly to have something framed. In fact my main motivation was to have the chance to share the pleasure of her company for a bit. She was a kind, sweet, gentle soul. Margo, I'm sure you got a whole lot of Brabant love during these past few months. You deserved every bit of it. The world is already a lesser place for your absence. Love, Roman

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**Roman Daligga** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I remember playing cards with Margo in the breakfast room...and her incredible art studio above the garage...so talented and kind...but always finding the time to help others...she truly lived her faith. God bless Margo and the Brabant family

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**Carrie and Jeff Mugerian** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Although I never met Margo, I came to know her through her sister, Suzanne, who shared so many wonderful, often funny, and always loving stories about Margo and her siblings. What a blessing to have such a beautiful family! May Margo enjoy eternal happiness with Our Lord in heaven. Dance with the angels, Margo, and I'll bet your family dances with you.

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**Sylvia Pfiester** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ What a wonderful family the Brabants are! I was lucky to share sometime with all of them being friends with Suzanne Susie. Margo was there listening to our tales of adventure. She was a lovely person and she will be missed. I feel your loss from miles away. Love to all, Chris Ann Bichan Dillon

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**Chris Ann** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Margo sure have it a valiant fight but I'm glad that she is no longer suffering. Rest in peace Marg, you are now safely home. You will truly be missed by many, but never forgotten. Our deepest sympathy, Marty and Sissel Hartwell

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**Marty and Sissel Hartwell** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ What a wonderful lady. My husband and I were blessed to have been able to experience some time with Margo up north with her cottage. God graced us with her in this lifetime and hope will continue to grace us some time in our future lifetimes : She is certainly "all that and a bag of chips!", from what I am reading about her and what we were graced to know. You are one in a million! and our thoughts and prayers are with all of her friends and family. Live. Love, Laugh always Dan & Shannon

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**Dan/Shannon McCabe** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ To my Mega-J-B - I love you so much and I miss you with all my heart and soul. Thank you for being such a fun & loving sister and for always watching over me. You were always there when I needed you. You were always there for anyone who needed you besides family. You were one of the most courageous women I have ever known. You were never afraid to take on any job - no job was too big or too small. I will miss playing "3 to King" with you and will always remember you when playing it. Your devotion to your Catholic faith was strong and it never waivered. You were an inspiration to all your nieces and nephews. I was so proud of you! Your built your business "The FrameMaker" successfully and made so many friendships and many loyal clientele. I know you are with God and all our loved ones and that makes me happy, but I am so saddened with the loss of my big sister. Be at peace my dear sister. We'll all be fine. Love you always, Your sister, Suzanne

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**Suzanne Herpel** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Dear Suzanne and Family, you remain in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you peace during this difficult time. Eternal rest grant unto Margo, or Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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**Baraga Broadcasting Radio** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, she is with the ones she loves, leaving behind many cheerful and happy memories for those who knew her.

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**June & George Nicoletti** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HK

“ I will always have many memories of Margo. She was very kind, loving person to us all. When I was little I would spend the night with her, we would watch Tarzan together. Play with her kitties and make fresh squeezed orange juice in the morning. I remember working with her at her frame shop in Birmingham. I will miss her dearly!! I know she isn't suffering anymore. May she rest in peace along with many of our other loved ones we've lost. My thoughts and prayers are with you all!

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**Holly Kumm** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

IM

“ Suzanne, I am so sorry for your loss and will be holding you and your family in prayer as you release Margo to her heavenly Father. May she rest in peace.

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**Irene Morrison** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ God , of course, will welcome you with his loving arms. So many wonderful memories and haircuts! I love you, my dear sister, ol' Huckabuck! You have now gone to your "reward". And God and our family welcomes you. Your loving, missing brother, Jim

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**James D. Brabant** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Margo has been my friend since grade school. Our birthdays are days apart, so as adults we would celebrate by meeting for dinner when we could. She has always been a helpful, caring, loving person who especially loved children. Margo loved her son Blaine very much and was so happy to have him in her life. When my daughter Holly was little, she loved to spend the night with Margo. She made their time together special & fun. Margo touched so many lives with her love & artistic talent in framing. It gives me comfort to know that she is reunited with Blaine, her parents & Rich, her brother. I miss her already but I know that Margo is in God's loving arms and no longer suffering. It was so wonderful for to spend her last days in her family home. Margo told me she was so comfortable & happy there. Thank you dear family!!It's a very sad time for us but a joyful time for her. I will always remember what a special person she was. It's been a blessing to have her as a friend!

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**Juliann Kumm** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ A special lady whom I wish I would have gotten to know better. Was always so giving of her love, time and energy to others. Will forever be grateful for her unconditional love & support of Sarah & Mary.

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**Steve** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Dearest Margo was such a beautiful and talented woman. What made her even more special was her loving charity towards the less fortunate of the world. Her beauty was on the inside as well as the outside, and she will be deeply missed. My deepest sympathy to her loving family, Carin Preston

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**Carin** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Margo was a dear sister-in-law to me. I always enjoyed her company and our talks. Her dedication to her family and friends will be missed. "May God welcome you to your new home in heaven Margo" I I will miss you. Art

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**Art Cairo** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM