



Margaret S. (nee Schuerger) Connelly

March 9, 2021

Margaret S. Connelly (nee Schuerger) age 61, passed away on March 9, 2021 after many years of battling a variety of medical issues. Beloved wife of Michael Connelly.

She was known to many as “Our Little Trooper” because of her courageous ability to adapt to the changes and still maintain a wonderful spirit. She inspired many people to be kind, courageous and happy. We would like to thank everyone who made her feel special.

Margaret was the youngest child of the late Raymond and Charlotte (Willson) Schuerger. She grew up in North Ridgeville with five brothers, Fr. Anthony, Robert, Michael, John, Joseph, and her sister, Mary Anne. She attended St. Peter Grade School and Elyria Catholic High School. She met the love of her life at Cleveland State University where she studied Accounting and became a CPA. She was a Partner at Rowland, Connelly, Joyce and Associates. She married Michael Connelly in 1988 and moved to Mentor. Margaret was the glue that kept the family together. She had 14 nieces and nephews whom she loved to invite over for dinners, cookouts, holidays, sporting events, plays, amusement parks and the circus. She was wonderful at remembering everyone’s birthday, sending out Christmas Cards, and giving the best smiles and hugs. She also loved to take family pictures. She was funny and smart and a great card player; she loved to sing and dance; she has many layers. “A

companion for life is as true as could be; forever she is helping me to be me. I am grateful for the time that we shared; her kindness and gracefulness will always be there." Margaret loved the Ballroom Dance Community. Thank you to everyone who has prayed and cared for Margaret.

Friends will be received from 10:30-12:30 pm, on Monday, March 15, 2021, at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. Masks are required and social distancing is encouraged during all publicly attended events.

The funeral mass will be held at 1 pm Monday, March 15, 2021, at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd., Concord. Masks are required and social distancing is encouraged during all publicly attended events.

Interment will immediately follow at St. Peter Cemetery, 35777 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville.

The family will be having a luncheon at Tom's Country Place, 3442 Stoney Ridge Rd., Avon, after the burial for those who wish to attend.

In lieu of flowers, please either have Masses offered for Margaret, support the Deepwood Foundation or Lake Catholic High School.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Cemetery Details

St. Peter Cemetery

35777 Center Ridge Rd.
North Ridgeville, OH 44039

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Mass

MAR 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Gabriel Catholic Church
9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd.
Concord Twp., OH 44060
(440) 352-8282

Tribute Wall

CL

“ *Michael--We are so sorry for your loss. Margaret was an incredible soul. I remember her for her laughter, energy, and warmth. She will live on in our memories.*
Carol and Bob Larkin

Carol Larkin - March 16, 2021 at 03:44 PM

MV

“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of this wonderful soul. My prayers to all of her family and friends during this time. I most remember her wonderful laugh/giggle, which was always in abundance. She was a wonderful friend to me in high school and I will cherish the memories we made. My sincerest sympathy. - - Myki Weitzel VanWormer*

Michelle VanWormer - March 15, 2021 at 09:05 AM

LN

“ *Michael Regis and I are so sorry for your loss of beautiful Margaret. Her smile lit up a room and even with all she had to endure was upbeat and always positive. We will miss her and know she is God's "Little Trooper" now. With sincere sympathy*
Regis and Loretta

Loretta Novitskey - March 15, 2021 at 08:48 AM

KS

“ I don't really know where to begin... Aunt Margaret was just the best. She brought the energy and the fun and really cared about each and every one of us! The memories are endless.

We went to so many plays together; I especially remember *Beauty and the Beast* when we were kids, and others like *Wicked* and *Come From Away*, all the way to the awesome seats she got us for *The Lion King* more recently. We went to games, like the night the Indians hit their 22 game winning streak, my first Cavs playoff game, as well as the many games she and Uncle Mike hosted in their living room. She took us on trips - like to Chicago when Kelly and I were obsessed with *American Girl*, or skiing at Peek 'n Peak. The crucifix that hangs over my bed was from her and Uncle Mike for my First Communion. She taught us to be the best pinochle players we could be (though no one could beat her!), went to all my school plays, bought me new piano books, visited me when I lived across the state, and cheered me on as I started my teaching career. She kept her fridge covered in family photos, and it was always so fun to look at them and reminisce and see if any new ones were added! (I have a picture of her on my fridge, too.) My favorite recent memory was when we went to the Holden Arboretum, and she climbed all the way up the observation tower, and then we went home and watched Kate and Leopold and ate her delicious lasagna. There are a million memories like that.

Aunt Margaret, I love you so much - thank you for loving us “kids” all our lives. I'm still planning to talk to you all the time. You were everything we could have ever wanted in an aunt on earth; and I know you still love us from heaven.

Katie Schuerger - March 15, 2021 at 12:49 AM

KS

“ Too much to say, so I'll try to do her justice without rambling.

Aunt Margaret had the joy of a child, the faith of a saint, and the love of a mother. Despite the huge family we never got lost in the crowd, but rather, she had that way of making each of us feel seen, loved, and like the only one in the room.

She often told my mom she thought her life purpose was to be an aunt, and she LIVED IT OUT. It didn't matter what we were up to, she wanted IN!

She taught me to chew gum on my first airplane ride (I swallowed it...oops), cheered at my little tikes soccer games, and helped plan my tea party bridal shower.

She cooked like a chef, and knew exactly what everyone did and didn't like.

She suffered like Christ - she had deep trials with her health but - you would never know it.

She had ALL the stories, she took ALL the pictures, and she had the recall of a wizard or historian.

She would ask about life, and join in with an enthusiastic, "Oh wow! Awesome! You go, girl!"

[At a party or family gathering] she would lean over and tell you one of those keen, creative-wit jokes, and look at you and wait for your expression to catch up...then we would both laugh so hard!

Life is just a blink, but it wasn't enough time. Aunt Margaret brought the party everywhere she went, she showered us with love, and she lit up the room.

Aunt Margaret, I love you SO MUCH, and I am SO GRATEFUL.

Keep smiling, laughing, and cheering us on from your cushy seat up above - you earned it!

Kelly M. Salapski - March 14, 2021 at 02:42 PM

AD

“ *Sorry for your loss Mike.*

Anthony DiCicco - March 14, 2021 at 10:53 AM

PB

“ *Mike, I'm so very sorry for your loss. I haven't seen you guys for a long time, but have many fun memories of our whole group from years ago I'm Ridgeville!! Loved Nim/ Margaret .
Peggy Barnie*

Peggy Barnie - March 13, 2021 at 12:44 PM

SG

“ *I was fortunate enough to meet Margaret while playing softball in her younger days. She was a great player but she was also an amazing person. She was always fun and caring with an infectious laugh. With all the challenges that life had thrown her way, she never let it stop her. She never dwelled on the negative and always found joy in life. She will be sorely missed and well-remembered.*

Susan M Gardner - March 12, 2021 at 05:16 PM

EH

“ *Michael aim so sorry to hear about Margaret pass away she was a good friend*

Enrique Serrat { Henry} - March 12, 2021 at 04:29 PM

NH

“ We grew up next door to Michael and Margaret and I have fond memories of her kindness and laughter. I have always been inspired by their lifelong love, and am sending many prayers now during this time.

Nicole Houser - March 10, 2021 at 11:42 PM

TB

“ My dearest Margaret. You will be missed so much you made an impression on everyone you met. While I no longer live in Ohio you were always in my thoughts and were my best friend since 3rd grade. You are now at peace and looking down on all of us. Michael, I am so very sad for you but know she is always with you. Wish I could be there with you. Love. Tammy

Tammy Boring - March 10, 2021 at 09:04 PM

MI

Thanks Tammy we were talking about you just the other day after you talked with Margaret.

Michael - March 10, 2021 at 09:28 PM

RC

“ Sounds like you had a wonderful relationship with an incredible person! May God bless and comfort you as you navigate through this challenging time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Rita Combs

Rita Combs - March 10, 2021 at 01:00 PM

MI

Thanks Rita

Michael - March 10, 2021 at 09:27 PM

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ME

“ Aunt Margaret was one of a kind. She was fun to be around and always made you feel important and loved. She was a great person to brag about your accomplishments to, or just ramble on about various things with on the phone. Her sense of humor was contagious, and she always down for some silliness. She was one of the strongest people I have ever met, and despite her various health struggles persevered through whatever challenges arose. The marriage and love between her and my Uncle Mike was admirable, and definitely one to emulate. She may be gone off this earth, but her spirit burns brightly in those who knew and loved her. She was a Godly woman, and I know she is being rewarded with paradise and peace with the Lord. I'll carry memories of playing on the playground with you, going to sporting games, shows at the Playhouse, vacation to Disney, holidays, sleepovers and so much more with me forever. She was the best Aunt you could ask for.

Megan - March 10, 2021 at 10:22 AM

MI

Thanks Megan, she appreciated the opportunity to share time with you.

Michael - March 10, 2021 at 09:31 PM

MI

“ As we walked the streets of Cleveland on our first date I took her hand and held it as we crossed the street. When we got to the other side I let go of her hand. By the second street crossing I held her hand and never let it go..

Michael - March 10, 2021 at 08:18 AM



*A beautiful memory, Michael.
Jim Weber*

James Weber - March 10, 2021 at 08:55 PM



*Our thoughts are with you Michael.
You and Margaret shared a true love*

Barbara & Jerry

Barbara & Jerry - March 11, 2021 at 07:15 AM