



## Margaret Ann Lawinger

April 21, 1945 - March 22, 2021

Dodgeville - Margaret Ann (McGraw) Lawinger, age 75, of Dodgeville, passed away on March 22, 2021 surrounded by loved ones after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. She was born April 21, 1945 in Dodgeville and was the oldest of twelve children in the John and Kathryn (Brunker) McGraw Family. Being the oldest of twelve meant she was a second mother to many of her siblings and the righthand helper to her mother with the household responsibilities.

Margaret graduated from Dodgeville High School in 1963 and married Daniel E. Lawinger on April 3, 1964. They had 5 children and raised them on their farms in rural Dodgeville. Their first farm was purchased from Margaret's parents where Margaret was raised. Then they purchased their second farm from Danny's parents where he was raised. Danny passed away on January 14, 1986. Margaret was very proud of caring for the land with a family history.

Margaret worked in the Dodgeville area as a waitress. She worked at the Wal-Mart Bakery until her retirement in 2019. She enjoyed reading, gardening, cooking, and baking along with the most important to her, spending time with her family. Her family meant the world to her. She hosted many family gatherings and holidays over the years. No one went away hungry as Margaret was an excellent cook and baker. She took pride in working full time until she was 74 years old, hoping to set an example of a good, strong work

ethic to her family and all younger generations.

Margaret's grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought her joy. She was very proud of their accomplishments and she loved them all dearly.

Margaret is survived by her children: Dan (Dawn) Lawinger; Connie (Mark) Scheld; Lori Lawinger; and Larry Lawinger. Son-in-law, Jeff Woollen. Grandchildren: Zach Woollen; McKenzie, Parker, Grant, and Kyra Scheld; Avery and Landon McKinlay; Amber Hastings; Jen (Tracy) and Tim (Misty) Woollen; great-grandchildren: Harper, Sienna, and Kiera Hastings; Sawyer, Abel, and Asher Woollen. Special loved ones: Darci, Alyssa, Emily and Carley Sullivan. Her siblings: Dianne McGraw; Pat McGraw; Milly (Dave) Babcock; Milissa (Jeff) Hoxtell; Tory (Dave) Meyer; Jim (Jodi) McGraw; Christine (Carl) Schulz; Tom (Becky) McGraw; and Shawn (Adriana) McGraw. Her brothers and sisters in law: Jean (Dave) Evans; Mary Finn; Ernie (Angie) Lawinger; and Ken Udelhofen. Margaret is also survived by many special loving nieces and nephews who all have been the recipient of her love, generosity and kindness.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband Danny, her daughter Mary Kay Woollen, parents John and Kathryn McGraw, brothers Bobby and Mike McGraw her in-laws Herman and Emma (Marr) Lawinger, sisters in law Francis Udelhofen, Joyce Udelhofen and brother-in-law, Pat Finn.

Margaret asked to thank her family and friends who supported her during life's journeys. Her family would like to thank the Agrace nurses, doctors, and staff along with Dr. Karen Berger for the care and compassion Margaret received.

Per Margaret's request, there will be no services.

In lieu of flowers or plants, a donation to Margaret's favorite charities would be

appreciated:

Iowa County Santa Cop: 1205 North Bequette St. Dodgeville, WI 53533

Ethan's Shining Light Foundation: 204 W. Valley St. Dodgeville, WI 53533

# Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Ann Lawinger*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *I know that my Mother and Father thought the world of Margaret and Danny! I can still remember Margaret's smile and how friendly she was. My sincere condolences to the entire family.*

**Mary Everson** - April 29, 2021 at 06:53 PM



“ *I'm sorry to hear, prayers for the family. I worked with Margaret for many years at Don Q Inn. She was a wonderful woman.*

**Mary Cutlip** - April 28, 2021 at 08:54 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Margaret's passing. Having met her when Mary Kay & I worked together at UW, she was always so kind; just a wonderful person. You are all in my thoughts & prayers. Renee Rizzo*

**Renee Rizzo** - March 29, 2021 at 11:13 PM

BO

“ This is for Lori and all your family. We have been thinking about you all, Lori. Your Mom’s free of pain now, and has left the legacy of love and love of the land to you all. Feel free to contact me if I can be useful for you going forward as you grieve. Our last meeting for this cycle is this Wed. Sending our love and care to you.  
Bonnie and Michelle

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**Bonnie** - March 29, 2021 at 05:33 PM

MH

“ Margaret has been an amazing sister to her siblings. Being the oldest of twelve, she supported us all with kindness, respect, and love. We have had many family gatherings over the years and Margaret was often the organizer and hostess. She made us all feel welcome in her home. It was fun preparing food with her, and her standards were high!! We all loved her dearly. We can’t begin to thank her for loving all of us unconditionally. Our sweet Margaret will be missed.

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**Milissa Hoxtell** - March 29, 2021 at 03:10 PM

JJ

“ Lawinger/McGraw family: I am so sorry for your loss of Margaret. She was a year ahead of me in high school and I really liked her. I know it is very difficult to lose a family member. You have lost too many of your great family. Bobby was my classmate and teammate and and also a great example of your family. May you find peace

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**Jon W Jacka** - March 27, 2021 at 03:31 PM

RM

“ Sympathy to all in the loss of this kind lady. So enjoyed every visit encountered with her as our waitress at the Courthouse Inn when I worked for UW Extension at the Courthouse and ate there often with lady friends at our lunch times. Rosalie R. May

Rosalie R. May - March 27, 2021 at 12:28 AM

TA

“ Our hearts were broken when we heard of Margaret's passing. She was the nicest, sweetest, most caring lady a person could ever know. She was truly an angel on earth. Our deepest sympathy to the Lawinger and McGraw families.

Tim and Rae Ann - March 26, 2021 at 08:41 PM

CH

“ Connie Hildreth-Fry lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ann Lawinger



Connie Hildreth-Fry - March 26, 2021 at 03:15 PM

CH

“ Margaret meant so much to so many many people. I've known her since high school. I don't believe I ever heard her say a cross word. She was my daughters Godmother. RIP Margaret. You will be missed so much.

Connie Hildreth-Fry - March 26, 2021 at 03:13 PM

SZ

“ Margaret was a beautiful lady who always put her family and others first ahead of herself. We were blessed to know her. We have some great memories. Our sincere condolences to all. Love: Jane & Sam Zeal



Sam Zeal - March 25, 2021 at 09:00 PM

JT

“ So sorry for your loss. You have our deepest sympathy  
May all the wonderful memories carry you forward.  
Take care



Jeff and Keely Thomas - March 25, 2021 at 07:59 PM

BF

“ So sorry for your loss ... she was a very special person



Beth Flynn - March 25, 2021 at 03:58 PM

AM

“ My deepest heartfelt condolences to the entire family of Mrs. Lawinger’s loved ones. She truly was a lady in every sense of the word with the kindest of souls. May you be comforted and embraced by a lifetime of the precious and priceless love and legacy she leaves in each one of your hearts. Love and God bless you all!



Annie McKinley- Russell

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Anne McKinley-Russell - March 25, 2021 at 03:31 PM

RW

“ So sorry for your loss and our condolences to the entire family. We will keep her in our thoughts and prayers. Chuck and Ruth Walczak

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Ruth and Chuck Walczak - March 25, 2021 at 03:17 PM

PH

“ So sorry for the loss of your mother. Thinking of you all during this difficult time.



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Penny Huxtable-McConnell - March 25, 2021 at 09:20 AM

KE

“ I am so sorry to hear of Margaret's passing. Heaven truly has gained another angel. Margaret was a wonderful human being; caring, loving and hard-working. She will be sadly missed.

Kim Egge

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Kim Egge - March 24, 2021 at 04:42 PM

JB

“ So sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a very kind and special lady.

*Janelle (Harris) Brennan*

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**Janelle (Harris) Brennan** - March 24, 2021 at 10:26 AM

AT

*Thoughts and prayers are with Margaret's family. She was definitely the most sweet hearted person I've ever met. Margaret will definitely be missed*

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**Ann Trace** - March 25, 2021 at 12:05 PM

MJ

*Larry and siblings: So sorry to hear of your lovely mother's passing! May God keep all of you in His care!*

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**Mary Jacobson** - March 25, 2021 at 01:04 PM

BW

“ Margaret was such a caring person, always, I mean always watching, caring and loving her family and everyone that joined such a loving family. The Last conversation I had with Margaret was after Mary Kay passed and she asked me to keep an eye on Jeff. Wish I could keep up with him...

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**Bill Whalen** - March 24, 2021 at 12:38 AM

JD

“ Margaret was one of the kindest, loving, and hard working people I had the privilege of knowing. Her daughter Marykay meant the world to me and I am at peace knowing they have been reunited. Thank you Margaret for your friendship and until we meet again, godspeed! Love you.

*Julie Dakan*

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**Julie Dakan** - March 23, 2021 at 09:51 PM

BM

“ I spent many many hours working with Margaret both at the Don Q Inn and the Courthouse Inn we had some wonderful times. She could tell when I was not in a mood to talk or be nice and then she would tell me when it was time to knock that crap off too! Those were some of my favorite times as a cook and chef.

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**Brad Meudt** - March 23, 2021 at 09:43 PM

MM

“ Dear family - Margaret was one of the purest souls I knew, hardest worker, not a mean bone in her body and strength that could lift a mountain. Not only a hole has been left within her enormous family, but a community in which she gave selfishly too. RIP Faithful servant. HEAVEN DOORS ARE WIDE OPEN  
My deepest sympathy to Dan, Connie, Lori, Larry, all her siblings and extended family.

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**Margie McGraw** - March 23, 2021 at 07:30 PM

ES

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of Margaret's family. The beautiful obituary encompassed all that Margaret was. We love this photo of her. We enjoyed visiting Margaret on the farm several times as well as when Margaret visited in Green Bay, the last time was this past Christmas, which was a very memorable time. We wish there could have been many more times spent together. We cherish the memories. Ernie and Mary Scheld

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**Ernest Scheld** - March 23, 2021 at 06:24 PM

SH

Margaret's obituary describes her life perfectly. She always put others first and such a caring person to all. My sympathy to her family. Sue Halverson

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**Sue Halverson** - March 23, 2021 at 07:30 PM

KR

“Margaret was such a wonderfully, kind and caring person. We remember what a great waitress she was at the Courthouse Inn, the Don Q Inn, and personally experienced her dedicated, never tiring workmanship when I had the pleasure of working with Margaret at gift wrapping at Lands’ End. God bless you, Margaret, you were a joy to know. Our heartfelt sympathy to all those who loved her.  
With sincere sympathy,  
Ken & Joyce Von Rueden

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Ken & Joyce Von Rueden - March 23, 2021 at 04:47 PM

LO

“Margret would go out of her way to say hello and take a minute to visit when ever we saw her. She was a kind, and sweet person with a sense of humor. Those little visits will be missed.



Our sympathy's goes out to the McGraw and Lawinger Family's we are sorry for your tremendous loss.

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Seyfferths

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Lori - March 23, 2021 at 04:44 PM