



Margaret Ann Swain

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Margaret Ann Swain passed away peacefully in her sleep in her home at Clark Lake, on Wednesday, August 28, 2024.

Ann was born in Toledo, Ohio, on October 10, 1938, to Koerner and Margaret Leutz. After graduating from Jessup W. Scott High School, Ann received her B.S. degree in Education from the University of Toledo in 1960.

Ann met James Richard Swain at Clark Lake. They later married in Toledo on June 17, 1961. Her career began as a Home Economics teacher at Waite High School. Many years later, she retired as a vice president at Melling Tools, where she had managed a chain of five Save Time convenience stores in the Jackson area.

Once retired, she turned full time attention to community work at Clark Lake. That included joining the founding members of the group that organized, built and maintained the Clark Lake Spirit Trail. She continued in that role to the present day. She was particularly proud of the Spirit Bench project. You can see many of them along the Trail today.

Ann was a Director and Treasurer of the Clark Lake Spirit Foundation. When she retired from those duties, fellow directors created a new role – Director Emeritus. She continued as Treasurer of the organization that is part of the Foundation, Clark Lake Spirit.

An award won by only a few is the Mary Reynolds Spirit of Clark Lake Award. Ann received that recognition in 2009. Because of her immense amount of work for the community, and being acquainted with so many, she was often referred to as the unofficial mayor of Clark Lake – or even, the queen of Clark Lake.

She is preceded in death by her parents, older sister Barbara Roberson, and husband, Jim. She leaves behind her son, Richard of Houston, Texas, and daughter Ruthann Hankins of Jackson in addition to her twin sister Elizabeth (Betsy) Frazen of Brooklyn, brother Wiliam (Bill) Leutz of Clark Lake, nephew Michael Frazen of



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Boise, Idaho, nieces Karen Bean of Rossford, Ohio, Deborah Frazen of Brooklyn, Kristin McCarthy of Clark Lake, and grandnephews Jason Bean of Findlay, Ohio, Ocean Alvarado, and Evan Alvarado of Rossford, Ohio.

A celebration of Ann's life will be held at the Eagle's Nest Bar & Grill, 1200 Eagle Point Road, Clark Lake, Michigan 49234, from 1 pm to 4 pm on Thursday, September 5th, 2024.

Memorial donations may be given to the Educational Foundation for Columbia Schools, "Swain Memorial Scholarship Fund," PO Box 126, Brooklyn, MI 49230, or the Clark Lake Spirit Foundation, PO Box 224, Clark Lake, MI 49234. Please leave a message of comfort for Ann's family or sign her guestbook at

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Celebration of Life

 **Thursday**, September 5, 2024

 1:00 AM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Eagle's Nest**
1200 Eagle Point Rd, Clark Lake MI 49234





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Jeff Arnett posted:

The best thing I can think of to say is Thank You, Ann! I learned so much from you. You supported my journey. I could always count on a smile from you. You left one heck of a legacy that will be difficult to match. God bless!

September 1 at 1:55 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Margaret by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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