



## Margrethe C. O'Connor

March 16, 1940 - August 28, 2024

Margrethe C. O'Connor, 84, of Bloomington passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at the IU Bloomington Hospice House surrounded by her family. She was born on March 16, 1940 in New York, NY the daughter of Herbert and Karen (Nielsen) Chadwick.

Margrethe grew up in Nutley, NJ. In her younger years she was a very talented ballerina who had dreams of becoming a professional, but life happened and plans changed. Margrethe moved to Chicago, where she worked for the National Association of Realtors and became a White Sox fan. She met Edward O'Connor and his daughter Sherry in Dollar Bay, Michigan. Edward and Margrethe were married on June 22, 1974. They lived in Dollar Bay, where sons Kevin and Greg were born. Edward died unexpectedly in 1979, and Margrethe and family moved to Bloomington in 1981.

Margrethe retired from Indiana University after 25 yrs as Office Administrator for the School of Education. She was an avid IU Basketball fan and loved music, especially Neil Diamond. Margrethe was a member of St. Thomas Lutheran Church since 1981. She was very active in the church and choir. She was very giving and would offer support to anyone in need.

Margrethe's greatest love was her grandchildren and being able to spend time with them.

Margrethe is survived by her 3 children Kevin O'Connor (Patricia Bechinski), Gregory O'Connor (Kary), and Sherry Hansen (John); five grandchildren Roderick, Evan (Selah), Alex, Jamie, and Jack; brother Pete Chadwick

(Charry); sister Karen Berg; sister-in-law Nancy Craven (Jerry), Marie Blakeman, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Edward, parents Herb and Karen Chadwick, mother-in-law and father-in-law Eleanor and Paul Abrelat, sister Joanne Chadwick, sister-in-law Pat Johnson, brother-in-law Doug Johnson, brother-in-law Dallas Blakeman and brother-in-law Rev. Terry Berg.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, September 27, 2024, at St. Thomas Lutheran Church with The Rev. Adrienne Meier officiating. The family will receive friends on Friday from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be given to Community Kitchen PO Box 3286 Bloomington, IN 47402; Indiana Parkinson Foundation <https://www.indianaparkinson.org> or St. Thomas Lutheran Church 3800 E. 3rd Street Bloomington, IN 47401.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home & Crematory in Bloomington.

Online condolences may be shared with her family at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Lutheran Church  
3800 E. Third Street  
Bloomington, IN

## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

GB

“ I just learned that Margrethe passed away in 2024. She and I were roommates and friends in Chicago in the early 70s, when she worked at the Lutheran School of Theology in Hyde Park. She was a bridesmaid for us in 1971 and we were happy guests later at her wedding. We mourned with her when she and her young family lost her husband and their father all too soon. Over the years, we lost touch.

*She was a lovely, kind and good lady. We know she is very much missed by friends and family.*

*Gloria and John Buczek*

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**GLORIA Buczek** - January 09 at 08:00 PM

MV

“ Margrethe and I were members of a Saturday morning breakfast group for many years. I will never forget her smile and the interesting conversations we had. She will be missed by all of us who knew her.

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**Mary Vigdor** - October 04, 2024 at 06:04 PM

MB

“ I didn't realize it at the time, but this wonderful woman was like a fill in mom for me. I grew up with Kevin and we were in and out of his house daily. There was always a warm smile every time I was there. I will forever remember her strength, her kindness, and her smile. My love to her family.

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**Mike Brinegar** - September 26, 2024 at 11:22 AM

MJ

“ *Micki, John and Jack purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Margrethe C. O'Connor.*



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**Micki, John and Jack** - September 18, 2024 at 03:29 PM

TB

“ *I knew Margrethe from when I first started at IU as a graduate student in special education, and I had the privilege of working with her until she retired when I was Associate Dean. She was an amazing person and a wonderful mentor to me. I know she will be missed, and I have such wonderful memories of her. My condolences to Margrethe's family.*

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**Tom Brush** - September 05, 2024 at 03:48 PM

NB

“ *My heart felt condolences to the family. - Nancy B.*



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**Nancy Boatner** - September 05, 2024 at 01:24 PM

LG

“ I was one of Margrethe's School of Ed friends. We were longtime friends and colleagues.

*I visited Margrethe in June at Bell Trace. We had a good visit. I have nice memories of our last time together.*

*One of the things that always struck me about Margrethe was her ability to pick herself up and keep going even when life knocked her down. She was truly amazing in that regard. She saw the good in people and situations even through very trying times.*

*I will miss Margrethe.*

*My thoughts are with your family.*

*Lynn Greenfield*

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**Lynn Greenfield** - September 04, 2024 at 06:57 PM

PC

“ Margrethe was part of our breakfast group for many years. We would go to her concerts at her church to hear her sing. She was charming and I will miss her.

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**Pat Coleman** - September 04, 2024 at 06:46 PM

BI

“ Brooke I. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margrethe C. O'Connor.

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**Brooke I.** - September 04, 2024 at 09:53 AM