



## Margaret Reaney

February 24, 2026

Margaret Reaney (Walsh), age 83 of Ajax, previously lived in Pickering, Toronto and Collingwood, Ontario. Passed away peacefully on February 24, 2026, after a brief illness, at Winbourne Park Long Term Care, where she was cared for by wonderful PSW's and Nursing Staff.

Survived by Christopher and Michelle Reaney. Beloved cousin to Dorothy and her daughter Kathleen (Gordon). Dear friends that she chose as her family, Jane, Lorraine, Sue, Joan, Christine, Maureen, Jackie, Bonita and Wilma.

Margaret navigated MS for over 45 years, she faced each day with Grace, living everyday to the fullest, while managing a progressive, increasingly disabling illness. MS did not define her, she was involved in her community, as a mature student she went back to school to earn her Social Worker Degree from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in 1988.

Margaret loved Opera, Classical Music and hosting parties and pot lucks with her friends, which always ended with a yummy dessert. During the last six years at her Nursing Home she was involved with the Food Council and was Vice President of the Residence Council. Margaret was always grateful to Dianne and her Amazing Recreation Team for always creating a variety of activities within and outside the facility (she loved a road trip). She was thankful for St. Francis de Sales Parish for coming to the home and providing

Margaret with spiritual guidance.

There will be no funeral at this time, cremation has taken place, a grave side service will thappen in the Spring in Collingwood, she will be placed to rest with her parents in the Walsh family plot.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Covenant House,  
donations@covenanthouse.ca  
or 1 800 435 7308 a charity Margaret was a monthly supporter of.

Missing someone is sadness  
wrapped in the blessing of  
having known them.

# Tribute Wall

RG

“ I met Margaret 36 years ago when I worked at the City of Pickering. Margaret was not only a frequent rider with Pickering Transit Specialized Services, she was a member of the Specialized Services Committee. Her commitment, and insightful input, were invaluable contributions in improving the services for the special needs community.

Over the years, Margaret and I developed a bond and friendship that endured long after I left the city to relocate to the United States. I still have wonderful memories of many visits to her home, sometimes with my daughter, who refers to her as Auntie Margaret - the stories and the laughter we shared made every visit special. Margaret was an inspiration to me because she never allowed MS to define who she was - an incredible woman with a kind heart, sharp wit, great sense of humour, who lived life on her own terms.

*Rest in peace, my dear friend! You are gone but will NEVER be forgotten!*

*Rita Gaskin*

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**Rita Gaskin** - May 11 at 08:25 PM

LW

“ I met Margaret in 2008, through Jane a mutual friend. I was Margaret's weekend PSW for ten years.

*During that time Margaret and I had some good laughs, and serious discussions about everything.*

*Margaret was fearless, once she was up, dressed and had breakfast she was on the move. Several times a day she could be seen moving independently around Pickering her cape flying behind her, she made that chair move. If no one was available for a movie, she went on her own, navigating the GO train to get to an afternoon Opera was no big deal.*

*Margaret just made life better, I miss Margaret everyday, I want to think Margaret is free from that chair and reunited with loved ones.*



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**Lorraine Woolstencroft** - March 10 at 03:17 PM

WH

“ I'm so grateful I got the chance to know you, even for a short time. Despite having MS for so many years, your strength, kindness and sweet spirit will always be remembered. Now RIP and feel as free as a bird until we meet again. Your friend Wilma. 🙏🥰✨

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**Wilma Hilderbrand** - March 09 at 02:39 PM

JS

“ I met Margaret in 2017 doing private care for her im happy i met her she's wonderful we had great times together which I will always cherish Margaret I miss you.

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**Jacqueline swaby** - March 07 at 03:19 PM

SL

“ *I met Margaret just after COVID. I volunteer at Winbourne. We soon became friends and went on a number of outings together. Margaret was always smiling or laughing. So happy your body is free of it's early constrains and you're flying with the birds. I miss you.*

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**Sue Lavery** - March 02 at 02:24 PM