



Marcia McGregor

December 14, 1943 - July 24, 2021

Marcia Anderson McGregor, 77, of Spread Eagle, Wisconsin and Surprise, Arizona, passed away surrounded by her family on Saturday, July 24th.

Marcia Carol, daughter of the late Margaret & Elton Anderson, was born on December 14, 1943 at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago, IL. Growing up in Chicago's Andersonville neighborhood in a two-flat above her grandparents, she attended North Park Academy and later North Park College and Illinois State, studying education.

In 1964, she married Barrett Clark McGregor of Kingsford, MI, her childhood friend from their summers spent in Spread Eagle, Wisconsin. The union was their commitment to a storybook partnership.

Both only children, Barrett and Marcia vowed to fill their home with a flock of their own, their greatest source of joy through their lifetime. Their children, Laura, Jennifer and Anderson, eight grandchildren and two great-grandsons have flourished from their love, faith, and plan for an enduring legacy.

Marcia was a quintessential homemaker - home cooked meals served promptly at 6 PM, orchestrating multiple households with precision, and seamlessly scheduling her active family amidst her own volunteer work and side businesses.

Her fun-loving, gregarious nature placed her in the center of many circles of friends who benefitted from her open door policy and love of entertaining- whether in her home or on her beloved navy blue pontoon boat. If she wasn't opening her home, she was visiting you on her jet ski after shampooing her gorgeous blonde hair, drying her hair in the process.

Seen driving vintage cars to run errands, pick up children from school, or meet friends for dinner and driving a Chris Craft in the annual 4th of July boat parade- Marcia knew how to get around in style- always showing up beautifully put together with her best accessory, that million dollar smile.

Connecting and creating were key to her passions - firing off Swedish pancakes like a copy machine, the tins of baked goods displayed on the counter, tirelessly tending each of her gardens and creating beauty through her keen eye for detail and craft. And wow, did she ever love to SHOP!

Great happiness was found around shared meals. After hours of planning, she enjoyed her place at the head of a table filled with family and dear friends brimming with laughter, plans and stories only silenced by serving that perfect homemade hot fudge sundae.

The home they built to accommodate Barrett's Parkinsons and their growing family remains a beacon of legacy for her family to come together in celebration, care and communion for their lifetimes and those ahead. A home built with foundations of commitment, dedication, hard work and bound with love, endurance and conviction remains abundant with the spirit of their married promise long into the future.

Marcia held numerous leadership roles at her children's schools in Lake Forest, IL; her church in Winnetka, IL and various philanthropic groups over many years. She was an active member of the PEO Chapter CX in Iron

Mountain and Chapter ER in Surprise, Arizona; North Park University Alumni Association; The Women's Club of Iron Mountain/Kingsford, The Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes Association, The Spread Eagle Garden & Book Clubs, The Chippewa Club, and many more.

Marcia served on the board of Northern Interstate Financial in Norway, Michigan. She was elected as the bank's first woman officer, assuming Barrett's seat a year after his passing. She held her position until her retirement in 2019.

Her participation in the Parkinson's support group many years after Barrett's death was an ongoing gift, bringing hope and positivity for those caring for loved ones. In recent years, she truly honed her knitting craft- winning awards at the local fair- and joining the local prayer shawl ministry- applying her gifts toward such a loving ministry, one that also wrapped her in comfort during her own illness.

Her final days were spent in the comfort and care of her children at Pine Point. Her wish to return to the home, garden, and lake she loved so dearly, surrounded by family and friends inspired all who encountered her during this final season. A tended legacy of family, love and life continues with her watchful care above.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Margaret Almquist & Elton Anderson and her husband Barrett C. McGregor and is survived by their flock: Laura Lynn (David) Hansen, Jennifer Margaret McGregor (Nandan Shah), Anderson Barrett (Holly) McGregor; grandchildren Jana Kathryn (Nathan) Brown, Tyler Rand (Emily) Lund Hansen; Graham Silas, Chase McGregor & Harper Anderson Breidenbach; Tekla Clementine, Filippa Sweetpea & Isla Edelweiss McGregor; and great-grandsons Henry Judah & Raymond Shepherd Brown.

A celebration of life is scheduled for Monday, August 2nd at First Presbyterian Church in Kingsford, MI. Visitation will be from 11 am -1 pm, with the memorial service following at 1:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Covenant Point Bible Camp in Iron River, MI and First Presbyterian Church in Kingsford, MI.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Marcia McGregor online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson Rochon and Nash Funeral Home a Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
395 Hamilton Avenue
Kingsford, MI 49802

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

DL

“ Time passes too quickly except the sweet memories will always remain in our hearts.💕
I missed her smile & laughter that was always in her face.
She is in her ‘real home’ (Heavenly home) looking at all of us with her beautiful smile.
We miss you, Marcia.🙏🙏

Doris Lim - December 16, 2024 at 07:49 PM

JC

“ Marcia had a warm heart, and showed us great hospitality when we visited her. We also have great memories of her, when she visited us in Sweden. We are happy to have been a part of her life, and even if we were foreign relatives, she treated us as close family. So sorry for your loss, but as you said: heaven has got a new angel: our dear Marcia💕. Marielle, Joakim, Kevin, Elvira and Isabelle Claesson. Gunvor and Harald.

Joakim Claesson - August 11, 2021 at 05:14 PM



“ Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Marcia McGregor.



August 03, 2021 at 01:53 PM

JL

“ Jennifer, your mother was a joy-her laughter filled every room she was in. She listened with attention to people. I remember her as being a very warm, welcoming and very proud mother. Maybe that is what struck me most, how proud she was of you. I met one of your sisters, Laura, once and your brother a couple of times. It seemed as if your family was the ideal family, everyone always together and doing everything with style. Your mother's influence seemed to infuse every party and gathering. Honestly, I will miss seeing her. I really will. My heart goes out to you, dear friend.

Jane Lepauw - August 02, 2021 at 03:23 PM

WP

“ Washington School Staff, Stevens Point purchased the Lord's Prayer 44" Sonnet for the family of Marcia McGregor.



Washington School Staff, Stevens Point - July 31, 2021 at 10:21 AM

JH

“ To my childhood friends:
I'm deeply saddened to learn of your mother's passing. I have many wonderful memories of your mother and our days on the lake. Many years have passed since that time, but I always had very fond memories of your mother —Her kindness, her love of the lake, but most importantly, her love of her family. I wish you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

John Harding - July 30, 2021 at 09:58 AM

SF

“ I am so sorry for the passing of your mother. She was truly a shining light and joyous person. I knew that as soon as I met her and spent time in her home. I know you will miss her but she will always be alive in your memories and everywhere you look.

Sarah M Fritz

Sarah Fritz - July 29, 2021 at 11:48 AM

SC

“ Please accept our heartfelt condolences on your mom's passing. We did not know her that well, but were lake neighbors.

Scott & Linda Chanlynn

Long Lake

Scott Chanlynn - July 29, 2021 at 09:51 AM

CF

“ Cousin Iris and Bernt with families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marcia McGregor.



Cousin Iris and Bernt with families - July 29, 2021 at 04:54 AM

CS

“ Marcia's beautiful smile will be missed by those of us who knew her at Desert PaLms Presbyterian in Sun City West and PEO Chapter ER in Surprise, AZ. Our deepest sympathies to her wonderful family. Thanks for sharing your and her final months.

Gordon and Char Stelting

Char and Gordon Stelting - July 28, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Marcia McGregor.



July 28, 2021 at 01:09 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Marcia McGregor.



July 28, 2021 at 10:30 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Marcia McGregor.



July 28, 2021 at 06:18 AM



“ *Our deepest Condolences to you & your dear family for your loss. Sweet memories of your mom will last forever. 🙏 I still remember her smile & laughter that brought so much joy & fun. Marcia, you are with the 😇 Angels now & May you Rest In Peace 🙏*

Doris Lim - July 27, 2021 at 09:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marcia McGregor.*



July 27, 2021 at 04:02 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marcia McGregor.*



July 27, 2021 at 12:00 PM



“ *Jennifer
Sending condolences to you and your family during this time. Times of grieving aren't easy, but remember all the great moments you had with your Mom. Those great memories will always be in your heart.*

Dominic Ruggiero, Colonel US Army (ret) - July 27, 2021 at 10:35 AM



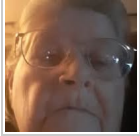
“ *I remember Marcia with her hair flowing in the wind in the Chris Craft every single summer! I used to love to see her get the girls in the water with their rowboat or the raft so I could wave at them from across the lake. She will be missed. Sending condolences to the family.*

Betsy Spore - July 27, 2021 at 09:57 AM

KS

“ Jennifer and Family, you are in our thoughts and prayers! Marcia was a Beautiful Mom inside and out! ❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️

Karen Schmid - July 27, 2021 at 08:54 AM



“ I don't think you kids will remember me but I sure remember both of your folks, and your grandma too. I worked for your mom doing yard work with the Grell family. And then on my own. Your mom never forgot me, would always stop and talk whenever we would met. Such a loving and caring person. I am sorry for your loss. Sandy Wilcox.

Sandy Wilcox - July 26, 2021 at 07:24 PM

TF

“ The Warnes Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marcia McGregor.



The Warnes Family - July 26, 2021 at 03:37 PM

MH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the McGregor Family. Through Ladies of the Lakes, I met Marcia. She was delightful and very welcoming. I will miss her happy smile.
Rest in Peace.
Love,
Maureen and Scott Howard

Maureen Howard - July 26, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Marcia McGregor.* ”



July 26, 2021 at 02:59 PM