



## Margo Sue Whalen

May 11, 1959 - May 3, 2026

Margo Sue Whalen, 66, of Charlotte, a woman who was dedicated to her work, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at her residence. Margo was born on May 11, 1959, the daughter of Galen and Mary Alice (Briggs) Tibbett. Following graduating from Charlotte High School, Margo obtained an Associate's Degree from Lansing Community College. Her working career led her to work as an Administrative Assistant for Michigan National Bank, Lansing Community College where she retired from in 2023, and most recently for Peckham Industries.

On October 20, 1998, Margo married John Whalen, and together they spent the next 27 years creating lasting memories. Traveling was a big part of Margo's life, she wasn't always fond of the idea but once she reached the destination, she enjoyed herself. Her summers were spent at the family lake house at Houghton Lake. Margo was a woman that loved vibrant colors, this love shows in her love for quilting, the colors within her house, and most recently in her love for painting barn quilts. Other hobbies that Margo enjoyed included doing puzzles, reading, watching cooking shows, eating saltwater taffy, sipping on a diet Coke, and rides on the motorcycle with John. Above all, her proudest accomplishment in life came from her working career.

Margo is survived by her husband, John; children, John (Christina) Whalen Jr. and Tammy (Jim) Janssen; 4 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren;

sister cousin, Julie Buckner; and many extended family members and friends. She was predeceased by her parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Margo's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 15, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Laura Cooper officiating. Visitation will be held just prior to the service from 10-11:00 a.m. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on Margo's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smartphone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Alzheimer's Association or The Peckham Foundation. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Memorial

MAY 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Margo Sue Whalen*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - May 15 at 08:05 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Margo Sue Whalen*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - May 14 at 04:33 PM



“ *Please accept my deep condolences for your loss and may the love, grace, peace and joy of Jesus bring you comfort now and be with you always.*

*James and Viola Mitchell*

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**James Mitchell** - May 15 at 07:58 AM



“ 60 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 14 at 04:30 PM

RC

“ Ron and Colleen Catallo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margo Sue Whalen.

Ron and Colleen Catallo - May 14 at 03:27 PM

RB

“ Robin & Larry Bonham purchased the Serene Re treat for the family of Margo Sue Whalen.



Robin & Larry Bonham - May 14 at 02:03 PM

JW

“ Jo W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margo Sue Whalen.

Jo W. - May 14 at 12:30 PM

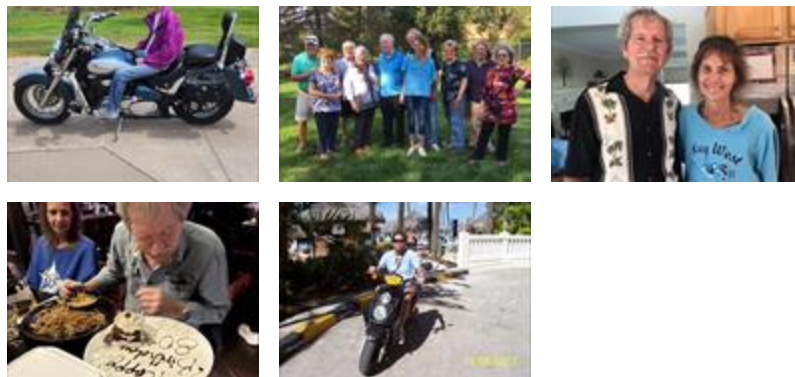
LM

“ I will miss your gentle demeanor and sweet smile. I always enjoyed our time together at LCC, our lunch dates and so many laughs. I will miss you my sweet, salad-eating friend. Until we meet in Heaven, much love & hugs girl. ❤️🙏 Lori Murphy

lori murphy - May 08 at 03:24 PM

TA

“ 6 files added to the album Tribute wall



Tammy - May 08 at 01:39 PM

JS

“ Jeff Smith lit a candle in memory of Margo Sue Whalen



Jeff Smith - May 08 at 11:11 AM

BK

“ Margo was a delightful person. Always pleasant, competent, conversant, a friend. I shall miss her. Brent Knight

Brent Knight - May 08 at 04:45 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Margo Sue Whalen.*



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May 06 at 03:21 PM



“ *Oh Margo.....I am going to miss you so much. I loved making your special salads every week at work. I enjoyed hearing about how you and John solved the murder mystery games that I gave you, and was looking forward to the mystery dinner in October. You were a spark of joy every time you came to the kitchen to talk to me and were always willing to listen to me vent. We had just begun to help each other with " stretching" and had things planned in our futures. You were always such a thoughtful person and often surprised me with special gifts. I will always treasure the lap quilt you made me for Christmas and the special wine glass that you had personalized with my dogs names on it. You would also bring me a bottle of wine for me to take on my mini vacations or sometimes for no reason at all, but always making sure it was of my favorite varietal. You and I often laughed at the differences in what frightened us about the other one. You, about me vacationing on my own and me, about you riding a motercycle. Our friendship had just begun to blossom, and I am saddened that I will miss out on all the oportunities and things we would have been able to experience together. You were such a wonderful person, so kind hearted and had the best qualities that I can asspire to. You are leaving this world with am empty spot, but have filled so many hearts while you were here. Until I see you again, all my love, Denise.*

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**Denise Davis** - May 05 at 09:18 PM

AR

“ Aunt Margo will be greatly missed. When I worked at LCC everyone knew her as the "go to" person. She was highly regarded. When Uncle John could get finally get her to relax (ha ha) she loved their travels, I wish Uncle John, Tammy, Jim, John Jr. and Christina love in this difficult time.



Anne Rau - May 05 at 08:33 PM

EL

Margo was such a wonderful person, kind hearted and always willing to help anyone. I worked with her at Lansing Community College until she retired. I was sad to see her leave but happy for her next chapter in life. I know how much you loved traveling and enjoying time in Houghton Lake. We talked about me visiting you there after I retired. You will be missed. Heaven has gained an amazing woman. Thoughts and prayers for the family during this difficult time.  
-Evelyn Lynn, friend and LCC co-worker

Evelyn Lynn - May 07 at 02:32 PM

SF

Margo taught me everything I needed to know about being a great administrative assistant. Attention to detail was her motto! We celebrated our May birthdays at Lansing Community College! I will miss her greatly.

Sherry Forrest - May 08 at 04:16 PM

DW

*I am greatly sadden by Margo's passing. She and I have a great relationship at LCC. She gave me hard time and I did in return. Always a joy to work with her. Sometimes I thought she was my boss, not Lisa WS. :-)*

*RIP Margo,  
Don Wilske*

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**Don Wilske** - May 11 at 11:34 AM