



## Margaret Evans

September 29, 1936 - December 3, 2025

Margaret (Margi) Miller Evans was born on September 29, 1936, to Charles (Chic) and Adilene Miller in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Margi had been battling dementia for several years and died peacefully surrounded by her family, on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, in Columbus, Ohio.

She grew up in Des Moines, Iowa, with her younger sister Sharon Huff (Ron). She graduated high school in Des Moines and earned her bachelor's degree in English from Drake University. She went on to Lexington Theological Seminary to pursue her Christian Education Degree. This is where she met her beloved husband of 66 years, J. Kenneth (Ken) Evans. They were married on August 9, 1959, in Des Moines. Ken was her primary caregiver for the last three years, with help from hospice for the last three months. He was amazing as he took on the cooking, laundry, and full-time care of Margi. He is heartbroken.

Margi was a very kind soul and generous wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. She dedicated herself to Ken and their two children, Jolynne Francis (Eric) and Jeff Evans. Her professional roles included: English Teacher, Christian Education Director, and Reading Tutor. She particularly enjoyed teaching reading to young boys who were on the spectrum. Her least favorite job was substitute teaching for Junior High kids!

One of her greatest joys was being grandma to Matt Franca (Alyssa), Austin Francis (Claire), Nicole Evans (Michael Bamford), Adam Francis, Jacob Francis (Abby), Jaden Evans (Kaitlyn Erskine) and Rachel Francis. She also

loved being Gigi to seven great grandchildren!

Margi and Ken enjoyed many adventures together. Their favorite place was the family cottage in Michigan where they spent many wonderful summers and falls since 1968. They also enjoyed trips back to the homeland of Scotland and England. She was an amazing cook and truly created a home wherever she and Ken lived.

Margi was the consummate pastor's wife, holding many leadership roles and singing in the choir in all the churches they served together. She was currently a member of Northwest Christian Church in Columbus, Ohio. She loved being at Camp Christian and singing harmonies to all the camp songs. She sang many of these camp songs to her children and grandchildren as lullabies. A particular fond memory is when Margi, Ken, Jolynne, and Jeff were all at the Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) Conference in the summer of 1979.

Margi thoroughly enjoyed caring for their dog Abbey, a beagle who lived 19 wonderful years. She also regained some of her youth as she was seen driving around Columbus enjoying her silver PT Cruiser, which she named Pearl.

Margi was preceded in death by her parents, Chic and Adilene Miller, and brother-in-law, Ron Huff.

A celebration of life will be held for Margi at Northwest Christian Church in Columbus, Ohio on January 10, 2026. The family visitation will be at the church from 9:30am – 11:00am, followed by a Celebration of Life service.

The family suggests memorial gifts be sent to:

- Christian Church in Ohio - Camp Christian Scholarship
- Alzheimer's Association

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **10**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Northwest Christian Church  
1340 Fishinger Road  
Columbus, OH 43221

## Celebration Of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to Margi’s family. She and I were friends for many years and served together on the Christian Education Committee of the Christian Church in Ohio. She was a gentle soul, and her smile and laugh were contagious. She will be missed by many.  
Rev Dr Perry C Mattern

Perry Mattern - January 09 at 08:15 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Evans.



January 09 at 09:42 AM

LF

“ Love, Sophia and Felicia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Evans.

Love, Sophia and Felicia - January 09 at 09:42 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Evans.



January 08 at 10:24 AM

LE

“ Love, Brian, Becky, and Emi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Evans.

Love, Brian, Becky, and Emi - January 08 at 10:24 AM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Evans.



January 07 at 01:09 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Evans.



January 06 at 07:27 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Evans.



January 06 at 04:01 PM

FF

“ From Jim and Cathy Alland family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Margaret Evans.



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**From Jim and Cathy Alland family** - January 04 at 09:40 AM

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“ Rev Evans, Jolynne and Jeff.  
Thinking of you and the memories we shared at Camp Christian.

Nancy O'Dell and on behalf of my mother, Marta O'Dell

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**Nancy E O'Dell** - December 15, 2025 at 08:44 PM

PH

“ We were friends of Margi and Ken for many years. They shared their love of the cottage with us and they visited us in Florida in winter months. Our times together were fun, joyful and we relished our years of friendship ❤️

Paul and Betty Hill

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**Paul and Betty Hill** - December 12, 2025 at 02:45 PM