



## Margaret "Mags" Mary Saunders

January 11, 1961 - October 26, 2023

Margaret Mary (Fenlon) Saunders, age 62, passed away at Mackinac Straits Hospital in St. Ignace, Michigan, on October 26, 2023, with her family around her.

Mags was the 13th child of 14 children born to John and Rena Fenlon in Petoskey, MI on January 11, 1961. She attended Moran Township Schools through 8th grade, then St. Ignace Area Schools where she met the love of her life, Jeffrey Saunders. After high school they went west to look for work, and landed in Wichita, KS, where Jeff did ironworking. The couple was married in Wichita on May 10, 1980. Their two sons, Kevin and Ryan, were born there.

When the boys were still toddlers Maggie was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, which made it very hard for her to take care of the boys and herself. Jeff arranged to move the family back to the St. Ignace area, where the climate was better for Mags.

Mags loved the outdoors, and from the time she was small she was a friend to every toad, frog and garter snake she met. As her disease progressed Jeff kept her at home where she wanted to be, and he came up with ways for her to stay mobile. She was hell on wheels in her modified golf cart, and if the boys got home from school and Mom wasn't home, she would be down the hill

in the woods waiting for them to get her “unstuck”.

Margaret is survived by her husband, Jeff and sons, Kevin (Laura) Saunders and Ryan (Danielle) Saunders; siblings, Patricia Norwich of Alpena, Anne (Tom) Demske of Marquette, Mary Marriott of Charlotte, MI, Kathy (Mike) Hughes of Rogers City, Molly (Bud) Mathews of Hessel, Michael Fenlon of St. Ignace, Vicki Holdwick of Wexford Town, Ireland, Jane (Glen) Hampton of St. Ignace, Dan Fenlon of Texas and Susan (John) Krol of Gaylord.

Margaret was predeceased by both her parents and brothers, Tim, John, and Joe Fenlon.

As Maggie’s wish, there will be no memorial service.

Family Life Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.  
Condolences may be left to the family at [www.galerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.galerfuneralhomes.com).

As submitted by family

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sending you all hugs and prayers!

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**Staci Nelson** - November 06, 2023 at 04:04 PM

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“ Maggie and I went to school together since grade school. I still remember part of a song she would sing often “ Maxwell silver hand” or something close to that. RIP Maggie, until we meet again.

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**Lynda Eby** - November 03, 2023 at 08:47 PM

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“ My memories of Mags are extensive. From our first meeting as young teens we become fast friends, soon to be inseparable. We shared all our secrets & were like sisters. When Jeff first asked her out, she asked what I thought. . I said, "You will love him," and she did . . . with all her heart! Jeff was a childhood friend and Mags my most treasured friend. Our friendship continued and even though we rarely seen each other as we were miles apart; whenever we visited, we quickly picked up our wonderful companionship, quickly laughing and sharing secrets. I will forever hold her in my heart. My love goes out to Jeff, her boys and her entire family.

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**Deb** - November 03, 2023 at 08:07 PM