



## Margi Gaylor

May 16, 1956 - December 16, 2018

Margaret Louise "Margi" Gaylor, age 62, of Rudyard, Michigan passed away Sunday evening, December 16, 2018, at McLaren Hospice House in Cheboygan, Michigan.

Margi was born on May 16, 1956, in St. Ignace, Michigan the daughter of the late Othniel "Neil" and Ethel "Betty" (Hager) Braden. She graduated from Rudyard High School with the class of 1974. On February 21, 1975, she married her lifelong friend: H. Riley Gaylor in Augusta, Georgia.

Margi spent countless hours on the farm watching the cattle with her binoculars. She sold Christmas trees and loved to make wreaths and garland. Her love of playing in the dirt and flower gardening turned into a business venture. She owned a flower shop that was well known for both flowers and her smile. She was an avid reader who also enjoyed sewing, knitting, and feeding her birds. Margi was a prayer warrior, who even while fighting her own cancer would pray for and encourage others with the disease. She was a member of the Rudyard-Pickford Co-op Board and Fundamental Baptist Church.

Margi is survived by her husband: H. Riley Gaylor; a son: Kenneth (Shelley) Gaylor of Portage, MI; and four grandchildren: Landon, Emma, Lily, and Jack. She is also survived by two sisters: Beth Funderburg of Ozark, MI and Joyce

(Don) Willobee of Rudyard, MI; a sister-in-law and dear friend: Clara Braden; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister: Janet Fyke; and a brother: David "Spike" Braden.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at Fundamental Baptist Church with Pastor Tim Rader officiating. Friends may gather at the church from 9:30 AM until the time of the service. Interment will be at Ozark Cemetery later in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to help with funeral expenses.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Margi's deep faith and generous spirit have been an inspiration to our family. Even as she faced very difficult health challenges she continued to pray for others, always trusting in God with a thankful heart. May family and friends be comforted in this time of loss by special memories of dear Margi.*

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**Linda Nelson** - January 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Margi was a special friend and I miss her already. I fondly remember the long conversations at the kitchen table with cups of tea, and relaxing on the porch watching the birds and playing with the kittens. She loved people and faithfully prayed for many who had needs of one kind or another. But much as I miss her I am comforted by knowing that she is strong and healthy in the loving arms of her Savior.*

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**Judy Vandermate** - January 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jack and I have many special memories of Margi. We got to know Margi and Riley when their son Kenneth was one of our son's best friends during their high school years in Rudyard. Dan always felt at home at Kenneth's house. Jack and I also enjoyed our visits with Margi and Riley. Their love for each other was obvious, and it was a blessing to visit with them. We enjoyed discussing current events together, and when it got overwhelming, they always found good excuses to laugh. Like Margi, we always appreciated Riley's dry sense of humor, and their laughter was contagious. One of my special memories of Margi was when we drove together from Rudyard to West Point , New York, six weeks after Kenneth had entered West Point as a new cadet. Parents of the new cadets had been invited to come to ceremonies honoring their sons' successful completion of the required challenges of those first weeks. I went with Margi because farm duties at home had prevented Riley from attending. As Margi attended the ceremonies and receptions , she was as relaxed and warm as she always was in her home town, and in minutes she turned strangers into friends. I have since seen her do the same in the waiting rooms in Traverse City doctors offices as she visited with other women who were waiting for their oncology appointments. She also greeted the nurses and receptionist by name and often brought them cookies and seemed sincerely interested in them as individuals. Margie's warmth was a reflection of her love for the Lord. She was serious about praying for people on her ever-expanding prayer list. She was content and optimistic even as she went through challenging situations. We will always have special memories of her.

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**Jack and Sally Hudson** - December 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am so sorry to hear of Margi's passing. I remember when we were kids and she used to tag along with her older sisters and myself. My sympathies go out to her husband, Riley and her son and his family, as well as to Beth & Joyce.*



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**Nancy Lee Wolowich** - December 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM