



## Margaret B. Helmin

May 8, 1953 - October 26, 2021

Margaret B. Helmin, 68 year old resident of Bowlus, MN passed away peacefully in her home Tuesday, October 26, 2021 after a long battle with cancer. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at St. Robert Bellarmine Chapel in St. Cloud, MN with Father Brandon Haenny officiating. Burial will be at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church Cemetery in Brennyville, MN. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 PM on Monday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the church. Rosary will be at 6 PM on Monday. Caring for Margaret and her family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Little Falls, MN.

Margaret was the fourth of 10 children born to John and Emma Shibler. Born May 8, 1953 in Grayling, Michigan, she resided in multiple homes throughout the state with her family until they moved to Kansas in 1979. Eventually she moved to Pennsylvania where her daughter, Monica, was born. Two weeks after her daughter's birth, they made the long move back to Kansas where she resided with her parents and daughter until 1991. On June 1, 1991, Margaret, her daughter and her parents were headed with all their belongings for Minnesota. They built a house there in New London where they lived for four years and during that time Margaret worked at the nursing home in New London. In August of 1995 they moved to the St. Cloud area where she met her husband, Jerry, while square dancing. In 2004 her parents moved back to Kansas while Margaret and her daughter moved to Bowlus, Minnesota. In

2007 her daughter married and moved to Nebraska and on June 17, 2008 Margaret and Jerry were married in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Margaret retired from her job at HDC Development Company in June of 2015 after 19 years with them. Jerry and Margaret continued to live in Bowlus until her death. Some of Margaret's favorite things to do included biking, hiking (including in Alaska), driving around to see all the fall colors, traveling to Nebraska to see her grandchildren and to Kansas to visit her parents and other family, and working in her flowerbeds. She loved to see all the beautiful flowers! She enjoyed sewing, canning and baking and helping others when they needed something. Whether it was help with a new recipe or a sewing project or anything else, she was always there to help when asked. She became a second "mom" to so many people over the years and will remain so in their hearts.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry; daughter, Monica (Joseph) of Page, NE; Jerry's sons and daughter, Jeremy of Little Falls, MN, Alan (Beth) of Milaca, MN, Marie (Joe) of Gilman, MN; brothers, Edward (Evelyn) Shibler of Delia, KS, Bill (Claudia) Shibler of St. Marys, KS, Michael Shibler Spring Grove, PA, David (Julie) Shibler of St. Marys, KS, Daniel (Ann) Shibler of Greenleaf, WI, Fred (Theresa) Shibler of Spring Grove, PA, Frank (Jean) Shibler of Lake Worth, FL, and Steve Shibler of West Palm Beach, FL; sister, Barbara Burgess of Louisville, KY; 15 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, and in-laws, one brother-in-law, and an infant granddaughter.

# Cemetery Details

**St. Elizabeth's Catholic Cemetery - Brennyville**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

NOV 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Robert Bellarmine Church  
430 8th Ave. South  
St. Cloud, MN

### Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Robert Bellarmine Church  
430 8th Ave. South  
St. Cloud, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret B. Helmin*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Margaret. May God wrap his arms around each of you and bring you comfort and peace in the days ahead. Perpetual light shine upon Margaret.*

**Dennis and Roxanne Ryan** - November 04, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ *The small amount of time that I spent with Margaret was special and impactful. She was kind, generous, interesting, intelligent and gifted. She'll truly be missed!*  
*Sincerely, Theresa P. (Jerry Helmin's niece).*

**Theresa Popehn** - November 01, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Margaret B. Helmin.*



November 01, 2021 at 08:55 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret B. Helmin.*



October 30, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ *I have so many memories of Margaret since we've been friends since we were 12. Like when we camped out and ended up walking the centerline down Main Street in the wee hours of the morning. So many memories! I spent a lot of time at the Shibler home. I already miss Margaret but know she's in heaven looking down on everyone smiling.*

**Linda Crockett Greaves** - October 29, 2021 at 11:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margaret B. Helmin.*



October 29, 2021 at 09:46 PM



“ *Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Margaret B. Helmin.*



October 29, 2021 at 03:04 PM

MS

“ *Michael Shibler purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Margaret B. Helmin.*



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**Michael Shibler** - October 29, 2021 at 02:09 PM

KS

“ *Loved this lady like a sister, from the first day I met her at HDC! Such a happy, joyful, loving and caring person. She meant a great deal to me and taught me a lot! Rest in peace my dear friend, until we meet again!*

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**KAREN SCHENK** - October 29, 2021 at 12:16 PM

RO

*I've known Margrett for 25 plus years she was so delightful to talk to we shared many beautiful conversations, I will forever miss her beautiful spirit, our tears and our joys will always be in my memories. Love you my dear friend I'm so grateful we had a chance to hug, till we meet again, may you be in the glory of our lord Jesus Christ. Love you Roxi*

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**Roxi** - October 29, 2021 at 05:22 PM

RO

*I have known Margrett for 25 years or so a beautiful lady with a beautiful spirit I will always cherish our conversation we had about everything, we laughed we cried I am so thankful I had the chance to give and get a hug, you will forever be in my memories, till we meet again, love you hugs 💕 at peace with our lord and savior*

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**Roxi** - October 29, 2021 at 05:28 PM

FS

“ *Margaret was a wonderful person. May she rest in peace.*

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**Francis Slobodnik** - October 29, 2021 at 10:29 AM

VH

“ *Valley Hardwoods purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Margaret B. Helmin.*



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**Valley Hardwoods** - October 29, 2021 at 10:05 AM

JR

“ *Margaret was truly such a beautiful person both inside and out! Jerry, we so enjoyed our recent road trip with you and Margaret! We have especially good memories of our time spent together at The Redlin Art Center in Watertown. We all liked it so much we decided to go back a second day! Blessed be her name!*  
*Tom & Julie Rhoda*

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**Julie Rhoda** - October 29, 2021 at 09:00 AM