



## Margaret Mary Kauffman

August 12, 1939 - November 23, 2021

Margaret Kauffman passed away November 23, 2021, from complications of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) at the age of 82.

Margaret was born Margaret Mary Aichlmayr on August 12, 1939, to Mary and Otto Aichlmayr in Cottonwood, ID, the youngest of 11 children. Otto passed when Margaret was seven, and Mary remarried Max Haider. The family moved to Lewiston, ID, where Margaret graduated from Lewiston High School in 1957. She met Lester L. Kauffman and the couple married on October 3, 1959. They had two children, Leslie Ann and Lester Lee, Jr.

The family lived in Lewiston and Clarkston for several years after the children were born. After a brief move to Snelling, CA, they relocated to Spokane, WA in 1967. Margaret worked as a retail clerk for Payless and Skaggs drugstores and Safeway at Shadle Shopping Center. She retired from Safeway as the deli manager of the store at Third and Maple. Les passed away in 2011 and Margaret remarried Clayton Kauffman in 2013. They were married until his passing in 2020.

Margaret was diagnosed with ALS in 2019. When the disease became too difficult to manage, she moved to Plaza, WA to live with her daughter, Leslie. Margaret always felt very blessed to have such a large family, nothing was more important. She will forever be remembered by her daughter, Leslie

Peterschick, and son, Lester (Pamela) Kauffman, Jr.; grandchildren, Ashley (Drew) English, Michelle (Matt) Argyropoulos, Kristina (Tye) Knebel, Ryan, Joseph, and Maxwell Kauffman; great-grandchildren, Luke English and Kam Knebel; brother, Gregg Aichlmayr; step-granddaughter, Michelle (Shawn) McVey; and many nieces and nephews. Margaret is preceded in death by husbands, Les and Clay; siblings, Joseph, Mary, William, Elizabeth, Ann, Martha, Frederick, Norbert, and Hubert; and son-in-law, Dee Peterschick.

A funeral mass will be held on December 10th at 2:00 pm at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes, 1115 W Riverside Avenue, Spokane WA. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her honor to ALS Service Organization (ALSSO) or Matt's Place Foundation.

A Facebook Livestream by the church can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/OLLCathedral/videos/233552005528101>

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC 10. 2:00 PM (PT)

Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes  
1115 W. Riverside Avenue  
Spokane, WA 99201

# Tribute Wall

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“ Our friend, Margaret, was a dear soul and gave of herself in such caring and loving ways. She gave us a beautiful dark red climbing rose that will live on in her memory. Margaret and Les were the first to welcome us to the neighborhood. That in itself says it all. Remembering our good times together will always bring a smile. We were pleased when Margaret and Clay designed and built their new home. It was a joy to see it completed and how comfortable they were there.

Her vibrant daughter, Leslie, gave her all when Margaret was diagnosed with ALS. Somehow, Leslie managed to work and care for her mother at the same time. Leslie even took her mother on a trip to see family. While Margaret was still in her home, Leslie not only took care of her mother, but also assisted Clay with his needs. Leslie is an amazing woman. That I know of, Margaret's brother and a niece helped out as much as they could. I was so saddened when I heard that Margaret had ALS. It just seemed so unfair for such a deserving woman.

Margaret is our loss but surely heaven's gain. Rest in peace dear Margaret. Amen.

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Trudy Zaborski - December 10, 2021 at 06:25 PM