Margaret Ann Niles



Margaret Ann Niles (Maggie), 61, passed away Friday, August 4, 2017. She was born in Rapid City, SD and raised in Sturgis and the Camp Creek Ranch near Mud Butte, SD. She graduated from Brown High School and subsequently served in the U.S. Navy from 1975 to 1979. During that time, she met and married her husband, and settled in Norfolk, VA. She served in the Naval Reserves until 1983 while concurrently attending Old Dominion University, graduating with a B.A. in English. She also completed several graduate courses in Engineering. Her outgoing personality combined with her technical knowledge led her to establish a technical writing-publishing business in downtown Norfolk from which she retired in 2016. Maggie loved playing card games (pinochle, cribbage, gin) and enjoyed crocheting and living life to the fullest.

Maggie is survived by her darling husband of 40 years, Chuck Niles; and her dear brother James Patterson in Salt Lake City, UT; his wife Judy, nephew Aaron, and nieces, Amanda and Kyna. Maggie was close with several cousins. Maggie is also survived by her beloved "Norfolk" sister-n-Law Kathy Grogg and her husband Jim, and their children James, Kimberly, and Susanne; their spouses, and their children; and her brother-in-law Al and his family Jamie, David, and Brooke; step-brother-in-law William; and step-sister-in-law Mary Lynne.

Donations in her name may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. II Timothy 4:6-8 (KJV)

In Loving Memory of Margaret Ann Niles



February 9, 1956 ~ August 4, 2017



Proverbs 31:10-31

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in the gates when he sitteth among the elders of the land. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.



Celebrating the Life of Margaret Ann Niles

Born

February 9, 1956 Rapid City, South Dakota

Died

August 4, 2017 Sturgis, South Dakota

Memorial Mass

Friday, August 18, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Sturgis, South Dakota

Celebrant

Father Timothy Castor

Accompanist

Dr. Barry Furze

Cantor

Sue Lloyd-Davies

Musical Selections

"Prayer of St. Francis" "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman" "Gift of Finest Wheat" "Amazing Grace"



This concludes the service. And on behalf of the family, thank you for your presence and condolences; please join the family for lunch in the church hall.