



Margaret Joy white

June 22, 1947 - March 7, 2025

Heaven shined a little brighter on March 7, 2025, as Margaret Joy White passed away peacefully in her sleep at the age of 77. She will always be remembered for her kindness, courage, and unwavering love. Despite the overwhelming grief and sadness that we feel for her loss, she would have wanted us to remember that “this too shall pass.”

Margaret was born on June 22, 1947, in New York City, New York. She was the daughter of the late Peter and Veronica Hollenstein. Her family moved to Maryland from the Bronx when she was a freshman in high school, where she spent the rest of her life deeply devoted to her family, faith, and community.

She began her career as a professional photographer and writer in the early 1970's. Over the span of the next fifteen years of her career, she published seven books. She produced beautiful art that won her many regional and national awards due to her keen eye and creative work in the dark room. Her weekly column in the regional newspaper, *A View from a Window*, provided readers with a glimpse into the world of a single mother raising two sons while building a career. In addition, her column provided a bonus point of view on world events as they unfolded in the 1970's and 80's.

Mid-career Margaret decided that she wanted a change and had the courage to go back to college. She completed her bachelor's degree and then went on

to Yale University, where she had always aspired to attend, to pursue her Master's in Education.

Margie, as she was affectionately known to those close to her, loved working with children. She spent over a decade working at Maryvale Preparatory School in Lutherville, MD where she served as the Dean of Students. She was able to touch so many lives in her time at Maryvale, where she thoroughly enjoyed sharing in the lives of so many young women that passed through her halls. She will always be remembered for her caring voice, wise counsel, and tough love that helped to shape so many lives.

Margaret was preceded in death by her mother, father, and her brother Peter. She is survived by her son Brandon and his wife Ivette, her son Spencer and his wife Nicole, her granddaughter Delaney, her grandson Maximus, her brother Paul, her nephew Paul Jr., her niece Jennifer, her lifelong friend Elaine and her husband Andy and their family, and her close-knit group of friends from high school affectionately known as the Steel Magnolias.

Margie will be missed by all those that had the honor and pleasure of knowing her, and those that were fortunate to call her "friend" – Judy, Denise, Maggie, Cathy, her co-workers from St. Michaels, and so many others.

Margie's legacy will live in the hearts of all that knew and loved her. She was a constant inspiration to those around her, and she showed us that a life filled with faith and love will give you the courage to live the life you dream of.

A celebration of Margie's life will be announced in the coming weeks.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the Margaret J. White Scholarship Fund to help support the education of future generations of young women.

Please send contributions to:
Maryvale Preparatory School
Attn: Margaret J. White Scholarship Fund
11300 Falls Road
Lutherville, MD 21093

Tribute Wall

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“ I just learned of Margie’s passing, my mom and I did her taxes for years and she always brightened up our season. She was a special lady ..heaven received a new bright light as she was that to us. Our thoughts are with you and your family..Annie Grybos

Anne Grybos - September 03, 2025 at 06:39 AM

TJ

“ I was sad to learn of Mrs. White’s passing today. She was always a kind face around Maryvale’s campus. In particular, I remember her welcoming me to school each morning and always sharing words of encouragement when I would pass her in the hallways. She was key to my high school experience and she will be missed. Condolences to her family.

Tierra Jones - May 29, 2025 at 02:30 PM

DE

“ Marge helped me tremendously when I first started working at the store with her. Her positive attitude never faltered. She was incredibly smart and compassionate. We were always laughing together and sharing stories. I will miss her very much. Rest in peace Marge. We love you!

delaney - March 27, 2025 at 03:49 PM

VW

“ I have worked with Marge the last three years and she was the sweetest and most caring woman. Very special and she made you feel special. A smile and a positive and supportive influence on all that interacted with her. She is so missed. Rest in peace Marge. You were very loved. Victoria

vicky willits - March 15, 2025 at 08:15 PM