



Margaret C. Port

October 13, 1955 - August 24, 2025

Margaret “Margy” Colteryahn Port began her eternal life on Sunday, August 24, 2025.

On October 13, 1955, William and Carolyn Colteryahn from Pittsburgh, PA celebrated the birth of a baby girl. She was introduced to all as Margaret “Margy” Kay Colteryahn. She was later joined by her sisters, Jeanne and Mary, and brother, Barry, to form a close-knit family of 6.

Margy married on June 28, 1980, and from that day forward was proud to be Mrs. John Port.

Margy and John were blessed with a son, John-Scott, and then a daughter, Katie. Margy supported their every activity. She proudly nurtured them through college into successful careers.

As Margy neared retirement, her children further blessed Margy with 4 grandchildren.

John-Scott and Gina Port brought Henry and Olive into Margy’s arms. Kate and Brad Roth brought Bryce and Evalyn. Each became the center of Margy’s world as she eagerly served as Meem. The Port household was filled with toys and décor with which to celebrate every day.

But, more than anything else, the house was filled with love. Margy loved her family.

She instantly became a farm wife when she married John. Margy jumped into farm life with both feet, making hay, providing business advice, creating signage, and countless other activities.

This was in addition to her full-time position as teacher and adjunct instructor at Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Her role as a traveling teacher to the deaf and hard of hearing community brought her into wide contact with a broad range of people, including outreach into the Amish community.

Margy loved the farm. She loved nature, walks in the woods, animals, and flowers, especially wildflowers. Her own flower gardens were magnificent to behold. She also loved to travel with family, but especially with John. Travel might have been as simple as a date night to the Dairy Queen or as difficult – for a farmer – as a trip to Hilton Head or Wildwood.

Margy never needed a special reason to celebrate. Visitors to the farm were greeted with welcome signs, streamers, confetti, and Margy wrapped in garland. Time on the farm was filled with games and celebration. Each game was an unforgettable event.

Margy loved celebrating life with friends and family.

One of Margy's greatest passions was studying the Bible and living the life that Christ wanted for her. She attended Hope Rising Church. Margy instilled in her family (and planted the seeds in others) that Christ was our Lord and Savior.

She and John lived the "be sent" message as they traveled to Uganda on a mission trip.

Margy loved Jesus Christ. Her faith was unquestionable. Her place in Heaven is assured. That should bring comfort to those of us left behind, because we of faith will see her welcoming us again with streamers and confetti.

Margy is survived by husband John Port, son, John-Scott Port and his wife, Gina, daughter, Katie Roth and her husband, Brad, grandchildren, Henry and Olive Port and Bryce and Evalyn Roth, sister, Jeanne Jacobs and her husband, Denny, sister, Mary Prowant and her husband, Don, John's brother, Scott Port, John's sister, Susan Aaron and her husband, Paul, and John's sister, Anne Phillips and her husband, Todd. Lots and lots of nieces, nephews, cousins, and others also survive. She was preceded in death by her mother, Carolyn Colteryahn, her father, William Colteryahn, her brother, Barry

Colteryahn, her mother-in-law, Jeanne Port, and her father-in-law, Winfield Port.

The Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion is handling the arrangements. The public is invited to a celebration of life at Hope Rising Church in Clarion on Saturday, August 30 at 2 p.m. Guests are asked only to bring a memory of Margy to be written on a card provided at the church to be kept as a keepsake by the family. Those who cannot attend can send a message about Margy's impact on their life to margymemories@gmail.com. Please send any memorial donations to Abantu Together, Inc, PO Box 153, Tylersburg, PA 16361.

Cemetery Details

New Rehoboth-Greenville Presbyterian Cemetery

Clarion, PA

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

Hope Rising Church
240 Liberty Street
Clarion, PA 16214

Tribute Wall

KO

“ I was very blessed to work with Margy at USD. She was always a bright spot in my day! The world would be a much better place if there were more Margy’s! I know I will see her again! I am praying that God is comforting all of her family as only He can.

Kim Overly - August 29, 2025 at 10:26 PM

PD

“ Paul & Bonnie Davis purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Margaret C. Port.



Paul & Bonnie Davis - August 29, 2025 at 03:18 PM

WY

“ With love from the YMCA purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Margaret C. Port.



With love from the YMCA - August 29, 2025 at 02:47 PM

WY

“ With love from the YMCA planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret C. Port.

With love from the YMCA - August 29, 2025 at 02:47 PM

DC

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of Margy's passing. She was such a bright, shining light. I pray for God's comfort for you all now and in the days ahead, until you are all together again.

Debbie Call - August 28, 2025 at 10:18 PM



“ Margy was an incredible woman. I met her at church when I was a student at Clarion University 2010-2013. She would have me and other students over to her home for what she called “feasting on the Word.” She would teach us how to cook a meal and we would study the Bible while eating that meal together. Margy had such a heart for the Lord and for the people around her. I know she is up in Heaven hanging with Jesus now.

Amy Staszko - August 28, 2025 at 09:00 PM

NO

“ Noah purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Margaret C. Port.



Noah - August 27, 2025 at 09:19 PM

JJ

“ I will always remember her beaming smile, enthusiasm and joy when working with our CSD students. She was also a great “dance mom” - always cheering for our daughters. Blessed repose and eternal memories. She is now making the angels smile 😇

Janis Jarecki-Liu - August 27, 2025 at 07:29 PM

JC

“ Jeremy & Bryan CRBC purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Margaret C. Port.



Jeremy & Bryan CRBC - August 27, 2025 at 03:39 PM

BB

“ I worked in a school where Margy worked probably in the 80's. She taught a class for the deaf. One day she invited the class to the farm and when they got there the kids took off running as fast as they could go. Margy said she was in pursuit yelling STOP, STOP. She said she stopped and thought what am I doing they can't hear me. They did eventually come back. She then added the next time there will be instructions before they get out of the car.

Barb Behringer - August 27, 2025 at 11:49 AM

AR

“ Anthony, Liz, and Maggie Rombold purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Margaret C. Port.



Anthony, Liz, and Maggie Rombold - August 27, 2025 at 09:32 AM

BD

“ One of the sweetest people I ever met was Margy. There was always a smile and kind word from her as we met at the IU from time to time. My most sincere condolences and prayers go out to her family and friends.

Bonnie Dodd - August 27, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret C. Port.



August 26, 2025 at 08:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Margaret C. Port.

August 26, 2025 at 08:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret C. Port.



August 26, 2025 at 08:21 PM



“ Margy brought countless smiles to students and staff at Clarion High School, when she serviced our students with hearing loss many, many years ago. Her positivity and enthusiasm were always qualities I cherished in our passings. Margy had a tremendous heart for her career and the children she worked with. I'm thankful to have had the opportunity to work with her- for even just a short time. Heaven certainly gained a good one! Love and hugs to you all! ❤️

Jess Davis - August 26, 2025 at 07:29 PM

DC

“ Margaret Port was my daughter's Appsolute favorite Teacher. Margaret's love for children and Large personality transformed my daughter starting in 2nd grade all thru high school. My daughter was ashamed and discouraged with her hearing loss but Margret's impact chaged that to advacating for herself and others she became proud and confident. Margret stood with me a so many meetings at school time and time again standing up for what was right. Margaret spoke at my daughter's graduation and Proudly handed her diploma to her because that who my daughter wanted due to the impact she had on her successes. My heart is with Margaret's family. She was truly an appsolutely amazing women.

Dawn Callenburg - August 26, 2025 at 07:15 PM

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“ I LOVE YU MARGY.. AN INSTANT LOVE FOR LIFE AND EOPLE.I REMEMBER MEETING MARGY WHILE WORKING AT CVS MANY YEARS AGO; THEN REALISING "OH WOW, YOU ARE GINA MOTHER INLAW!" TELLING HER THAT GINA WAS MY COUSIN. THENABOUT 5 YEARS AGO WE SPENT TIME TOGETHER IN OUR CUBBYS AT THE CCCC. BE SURE YOU BRING THE GARLAND, IT'S ALMOST CHRISTMAS! REST IN PEACE MERGY; MAY YOUR FAMILY BE BLESSED BY YOUR PURE JOY FOR LIFE.

THERESA - August 26, 2025 at 06:12 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Margaret C. Port.



August 26, 2025 at 04:49 PM

KB

“ I first met Margie at a Prayer retreat and our Faith and Immediately we were Friends in Christ. Where ever we met she and I had the biggest Hug. I Loved her, you had the best Mom! My Prayers will be with you 🚶🚶💖🌸

Katy Burns - August 26, 2025 at 03:28 PM

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Dawn Callenburg - August 26, 2025 at 07:17 PM

KB

“ Deepest sympathy to the Port Family. Margy was truly one of Gods treasures. No matter who you were or where you came from she always had a kind word for you. I hope her family can find comfort in the fact that she blessed everyone she came in contact with. She will surely be missed. Rest in Peace Margy. Love Kim Bell

Kim Bell - August 26, 2025 at 03:24 PM

JL

“ Margy was a wonderful soul. She always made you feel special and like part of the family. There's no doubt that the gates of heaven opened wide for her arrival. Sending love to John, John Scott, Katie and the entire family.
Tom & Jenn Lewis

Jenn Lewis - August 26, 2025 at 11:25 AM

DK

“ *Our deepest sympathy to her family. She will be missed by all who knew her. She worked with my niece Lisa Terwilliger. Randy & Denise Kriebel*



Denise kriebel - August 26, 2025 at 09:02 AM