



Betsy Kay McChain

March 5, 1950 - May 24, 2023

Betsy Kay McChain (Schwanke), 73, of Milwaukee, WI, peacefully passed away on May 24, 2023.

Betsy is predeceased by her parents and her husband, David. She is survived by her children, Megan (Matthew) Olson and Andrew (Anna) McChain; her grandchildren, Callum, Gus, Vivienne, Lois, and Joy; her sisters, Patti (Jack) Marcy and Mary Jo (Mike) Johnson; and brother, John (Teddy) Schwanke.

Betsy was born on March 5, 1950, to Vilas and Antoinette Schwanke. After graduating from UW-Stevens Point, she spent her career helping others as a social worker for Milwaukee County. In 1981, she married David McChain, having two children, Megan and Andrew. She spent the last decade being a proud Oma to her grandchildren.

Betsy was an avid hiker, biker, currach rower, and true friend collector. She knew how to cultivate a strong community, one that took special care of her these past few months. Betsy was a generous individual who helped others as often as she could, and was passionate about caring for the Earth. She also dedicated her time to volunteering for Habitat for Humanity ReStore, the Urban Ecology Center, and many nursing homes over the years.

A memorial celebration will be held on June 8, 2023, at South Shore Park

Pavilion, 2900 S Shore Dr, Milwaukee. Dinner and visitation are to begin at 5:00 PM, with a short program at 6:30 PM. If you are willing and able, please bring a dish to pass and dress in your favorite floral pattern. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Urban Ecology Center.

Tribute Wall

CC

“ Betsy was a friend and co-worker for many years. She was always active with something outside. She enjoyed the water and her place up north. Betsy was a friend to everyone and went above and beyond in her social service work. She had great empathy for those with the problem of mental illnesses. Betsy was always smiling and when she heard she would be a grandmother she went in full speed- like she did everything. Our last outing was golf which she gave up for the love of her family. Betsy was a special friend to all. Cheryl.



Cheryl and Fred Callies - June 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I was a volunteer at Habitat Restore with Betsy. She was a great person to spent time with. We talked on phone after the Restore closed. Very positive person. She always talked about her children and taking care of her grand kids. I was sadden to see that she passed. The community has lost a kind giving person. The good ones are always missed.

John Wucherer - June 04, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I always enjoyed going on walks and talking about the local flora and fauna with Betsy.

Jack Driscoll - June 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM