



Margaret "Peg" Wittmer

June 20, 1945 - January 18, 2025

Peg (Margaret) Wittmer passed away peacefully in her sleep on January 18, 2025; absolutely the opposite of how she lived her life.

Peg was dynamic and such a spark. She walked through life lighting up the world. She worked her entire life in sales. She was a great listener and personalized every client's needs, no matter who they were or what they did. This was her gift and what she gave the world. You were special and if she could take care of you, or lighten your load, she would. When she spoke to you, you felt you were the most important person in the world.

She over tipped, gave away Longhorn gift cards like it was her job, and made sure her coworkers always had treats and fresh pastries. Giving gifts was her love language, she loved everyone and loved them big. She didn't need to know you to love you.

Never one to back away from a challenge.... Peg singlehandedly created the first KU women's basketball radio show, she was the first voice of the Lady Jayhawks, Peg sold sponsors on the idea of a women's basketball game day program which was unheard of in the 70's and 80's. And did it "Peg's" way.

Peg was "Momma" of the Topeka Capital Journal coupon book "Make Momma Happy."

And at WIBW Peg created “Helping Make Topeka Great,” a way of honoring companies and individuals that still make Topeka a better place.

Peg was well loved by her family, friends, and her beloved caregivers and all her dogs that will welcome her across her own rainbow bridge.

A good friend reminded us... you die twice, first when you leave the world and again the last time someone speaks your name. Understand, Peg touched us in special and unique ways. Allow the goodness and beauty of her spirit to pass through you. As you read this, and you knew Peg, invisible threads connect you and let it bring to mind a story of kindness and hope. Share these gifts, her gifts.

Share her joys, look in someone’s eyes, make them feel special. Honor her by spreading peace and love.

A private funeral will be held, followed by a celebration of life at a later date.

In lieu flowers memorial contributions may be made to Kansas Children’s Discovery Center, Topeka Civic Theatre, Topeka Collegiate School, and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Condolences may be send online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Tribute Wall

MT

“ Peg was a special person. She entered my life at Ottawa University, Kansas. Ever clever and often uniquely successful once a potential problem student given a chance she proved to me that when challenged she could be very successful and reliable. Many good times and laughs were shared until I moved back to Ohio. I am so sorry for family and friends who miss her. I just discovered why she has not answered my calls and mail Rest in peace dear friend.

MaryAnn Thomas - November 07, 2025 at 10:31 AM

LB

“ I was fortunate to work with Peg at both the Capital-Journal and WIBW-TV. She was a mentor and a friend. She coached me thru my personal and professional life as I navigated the adult world, giving great advice and support when I needed it most. She was a remarkable woman who I admired dearly. My thoughts and prayers go out to Maggie and her family. Love and miss you, Peg!

Lauren Bova - January 31, 2025 at 09:10 PM

CE

“ I worked at KLWN/KLZR in the early 80's. Peg was always kind and full of energy...always took time to visit with me. Prayers for her family and friends 🙏.

Cheri Ezell - January 22, 2025 at 02:15 PM

CK

“ Peg was a long time patient and friend of ours and we loved her terribly and we will miss her immensely, she always brought light to anyone she met and it was always a hoot seeing her. Again we will miss her. Cindy and Doc!

cynthia kratochvil - January 22, 2025 at 11:22 AM

JV

“ I work with Peg from 1979 -1987 as News Director at KLWN-AM/KLZR-FM in Lawrence. She was in sales. Everyday she would either wave or come in and ask what the news was that day. The newsroom was directly inside the front door. Peg never had an enemy, but she sure had an endless number of friends! She has to be among the most dedicated and loyal Jayhawk basketball fans in Kansas. I will miss our infrequent HBD greetings on FB and other occassional notes.

Joe Vaughan - January 21, 2025 at 11:25 AM

DB

“ Bless your heart, Peg.....So glad to have known you. Thinking of you, Maggie. You both have meant a lot to me for a lot of years.

Dodie Bailey - January 21, 2025 at 10:00 AM

DL

“ So very sorry to hear of Peg's passing. I only knew her in her later years, but what a woman! She had so many stories and she loved her Jayhawks. She told me many awesome stories of Marian Washington and their friendship. She loved Longhorn steakhouse and she loved Maggie who shared her home. I express my gratitude to Maggie, especially for how she took care of Peg in the later years. She knew she could drive you crazy Maggie but you were the ever loving friend. I know Peg is in the arms of the Lord who gave her the ability to love everyone. Peg, you will be greatly missed. Thank you for being a part of my Life.

Dr. Charles LaValley - January 21, 2025 at 09:26 AM

CM

Peg was truly a special lady! Rest in peace friend!

Cathy McCoy - January 25, 2025 at 11:29 AM

AC

“ Worked with Peg at KLWN in Lawrence during the early 80's. She was a hard worker, loved women's basketball and would support you in anyway she could. You will be in my prayers may you rest in eternal peace. Ann Cummins

Ann Cummins - January 20, 2025 at 10:14 PM

TE

“ Margaret was a wonderful person i didn't know Margaret Immaculate im sending you my symphaty for the family of wittmer may. Margaret rest in peace terry I glenn

Terry - January 20, 2025 at 10:00 PM

LT

“ What a Topeka treasure! Will miss my Jayhawk buddy.

Larry Tenopir - January 20, 2025 at 01:52 PM

JS

“ I met Peg at Ottawa University over 50 years ago. We were close for a time and then life took us in different directions. But whenever we crossed paths in Topeka, it was always a joyous occasion. She came to visit me a few years ago when I was in the hospital briefly. I have no idea how she knew I was there. But again it was a joyous reunion. Rest in peace, my dear old friend.

Janine Moody Silsby

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GB

“ Peg was a high school classmate. She was well like, kind and never put anyone down. May she rest in peace and the family know she was loved by many.

Gail Babb - January 20, 2025 at 11:56 AM

JM

“ I met Peg when I worked at the Capital-Journal. Thinking about her brings a smile to my face. She used a photo of my son and my dad for an ad for the Roost Restaurant (yes, that was years ago). When she and Maggie moved across the street to their house on Lake Sherwood, my husband was helping Maggie replace the screens on the windows. He saw a packrat enter their attic. He told Maggie, and she said not to tell Peg because she wouldn't stay in the house. A few days later, at work, Peg asked me if I knew about the packrat, and I confessed I did. She confirmed she wouldn't have stayed in the house if she had known. BTW - they did catch the packrat, and he had quite a stash of shiny things in his nest.

You were always family when you were with Peg. She was differently one of a kind, and the world has lost a little sunshine with her passing. She was kind and loving and never met a stranger. To Maggie, may you find peace knowing that Peg will always be with you in the memories of your years together.

Love you, Peg Wittmer! Memories of our time together will always make me smile,

Judy Menke - January 20, 2025 at 11:05 AM

PD

“ Rest in peace my friend.
To Maggie and to Peg’s family: Peg was one of a very special kind. She had super turbo energy and a huge heart to match. I will remember Peg always raising me up in life like she did so many others. When I thought I couldn’t do something, Peg was there to encourage me and convince me that I could. What a loving, positive soul. I will miss you Peg.💔💙

Patty Dick - January 20, 2025 at 07:55 AM

PC

To my cousin whom I spent much time playing with with our sisters when we were young. I have many wonderful memories of childhood with Peg. As an adult, I moved to Minnesota, but was struck by her incredible energy whenever we ran into each other. Extending much love to her family.

Phyllis Cook - January 20, 2025 at 04:58 PM

BS

What a beautiful tribute to Peg. She was definitely one of life's sparks. She will definitely be missed.

Becky Sullivan - January 27, 2025 at 08:01 PM