



Margaret "Peggy" Donnelly

November 10, 1946 - September 9, 2023

Margaret Jo "Peggy" Donnelly ARNP, 76, Topeka, Kansas, died Saturday, September 9, 2023, at her home.

Peggy was born November 10, 1946, in Topeka, to John "Jack" and Irene Best Donnelly. She attended Holy Name Grade School, graduated from Hayden High School in 1964, earned an LPN designation from Kaw Area Vo-Tech, her undergraduate degree from Washburn University and her master's degree in behavioral science from Wichita State University.

Peggy was always a hard worker, She was a switchboard operator for the Ramada Inn, worked for Dr. Boyd, a family practitioner in Hutchinson, worked at the Menninger Clinic for over 20 years and retired from the Topeka VA Hospital as head of the Behavioral Psych Unit. Peggy was kind and caring, a fierce advocate for her patients.

Peggy was brilliant with a wonderful sense of humor that led to lots of great stories. She loved her family dearly and dogs, musicals, Christmas and Christmas movies as well. She will be greatly missed.

Survivors include Peggy's brothers and sisters, Thomas James "TJ" Donnelly, Colleen Jean Hupt (Lonnie), John Francis Donnelly, Jr. (Linda), Mary Denise Ramirez (Gilbert) and Kelly Irene Donnelly; and many nieces and nephews,

grandnieces and grandnephews. Peggy was godmother to Abby Harrington, Maggie Worthington, Tyson Houpt, Sean Donnelly and Kelli Ramirez-Robertson.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents; siblings, Mary Catherine Donnelly and Terry Donnelly; nephews, Mike Donnelly and James Ramirez; niece, Kylee Donnelly; grandniece, Zenzi Snowhawk; and grandnephew, Christopher Jackson.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 14, from 10 until 10:45 a.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, followed by the rosary and a Memorial Service at 11 a.m. Inurnment will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Helping Hands Humane Society or to Meals on Wheels and sent in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 14. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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Rosary

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret "Peggy" Donnelly



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - September 12, 2023 at 02:30 PM

VD

Beautiful

Victoria Dean - September 13, 2023 at 12:26 PM

BC

I remember Peggy Jo all thru grade school and high school. Her parents were good friends of my mom and dad, Ray and Jenny Guth. Rest in peace, Peggy Jo.

Betty Clemons - September 14, 2023 at 11:53 AM

TG

“ Margret was a wonderful person i knew Margret im sending my symphaty to the Donnelly family may Margret rest in peace 🙏
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Terry Glenn - June 26, 2024 at 10:08 PM

RB

“ *Mary and family,*

I am so sorry for the loss of your sister Peggy. She had a very full, accomplished life. I know you took such good care of her. I will remember you and your family in my prayers.

Rita

Rita Bates - September 15, 2023 at 10:13 AM

MV

“ *Peggy was my best friend for many decades. We met working at Menningers Clinic she was a charge nurse on the PIC unit. While I was a charge nurse on the ED/PTSD unit, she was a mentor to me during those years. We later started driving to Wichita State for our Masters in Nursing. One of the fun memories I have of Peggy, we always started our drive with a hazelnut latte, talking non-stop there and back once a week, she always was prepared for the road conditions. We graduated together and forever I had a best friend. She would always answer my call whenever I called, she listen with compassion, then have a word wisdom to share. I will miss our annual get to togethers when I would visit home in Kansas. She loved her coffee and salads. My last visit a couple weeks ago when I was home, we shared a salad, visited with her cute dog Cleo whom she loved dearly. Mostly I will miss her advice, the laughs, her fierce advocacy and protection for others, and the love she showed me all these years. Love you Peggy and will forever miss you! Michelle Voegels*

Michelle Voegels - September 14, 2023 at 11:17 AM

VD

“ I took care of her at Gardens at Aldersgate and she ABSOLUTELY loved my dog Loki. She even had pictures with him in her phone. She made sure to see him everyday. She was a very nice resident while she was here. We will miss you sweet lady. Rest well.

Victoria Dean - September 13, 2023 at 12:21 PM

RH

Peggy Jo Donnelly was my first cousin. Her dad, Uncle Jack was my mother, Rose Custenborder's brother. We were in the same grade all the way through high school. I have not seen her in years as we lived in different states. May eternal rest grant unto her O'Lord and may perpetual light shine upon you my cousin, my friend. Frank and Rose Custenborder's daughter RoseMary Custenborder Henley-Palmer

RoseMary Custenborder Henley-Palmer - September 13, 2023 at 08:31 PM

JL

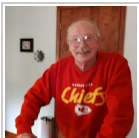
“ Peggy Up was in our homecoming court. You should look back at it she was the most beau.of the girls.

Jim lemon - September 12, 2023 at 12:59 PM

RH

Rest in peace my cousin. You were loved.

RoseMary Custenborder Henley-Palmer - September 15, 2023 at 06:39 AM



“ Peg was my sister, I still can't believe she is gone. Hope she will be with Mom & Dad. I hope she is at rest now. Love Always C.

Colleen Houpt - September 11, 2023 at 08:17 PM

LN

I'm so very sorry for your loss. She was so pretty in this picture.

lynn gunn. colleens neighbor - September 12, 2023 at 12:26 PM

GB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with family.*

Gary A Best - September 11, 2023 at 08:11 PM

DH

“ *I went to school with Peggy and she was such a kind person. I am certain she will be missed by all of her family. May God and the Angels lead her home. Prayers for her and the family*

Donna Beasley Harrington - September 11, 2023 at 06:02 PM

PT

“Peggy was the Associate Chief Nurse for Behavioral Health at Topeka VA. She was my supervisor when I was a Nurse Manager and she was an amazing mentor. Her expectations were high for her Nurse Managers, but her focus was always on quality patient care, good outcomes and preservation of dignity of those with mental health issues. Peggy was a brilliant mental health nurse and encouraged her Nurse Managers to stretch beyond their comfort zones by developing and providing formal education classes for staff, encouraging strong team relationships and experiencing cross training opportunities for professional growth. She was a fierce advocate for the nursing profession, professional roles and professional autonomy. Unlike many supervisors, Peggy never passed judgment. She educated instead. She was not punitive, but rather provided support for success without belittling. She was likely the best supervisor I ever had and that made her a rare gem amongst leaders. During her last few years at VA there were some ‘leaders’ who didn’t appreciate her strong advocacy and they actually went out of their ways to make their positions known by removing her from her ACNS position. During this time, it is my firm belief that those ‘leaders’ sold their soles to the devil because she wanted accountability for actions and decisions that they were not willing to accept. Rest in peace my friend. Your integrity will forever outshine their pettiness. Nursing needs more people like you.

Peggy Tice - September 11, 2023 at 05:37 PM



“We hope Peg is at rest. She will be missed. Such a loving sister, aunt & person.

Colleen Houpt - September 11, 2023 at 05:12 PM