



Peggy Oliva

July 10, 1942 - November 10, 2024

Peggy Rae Oliva, 82, Topeka, Kansas, passionate wife, mother and grandmother with beautiful blue eyes, passed away Sunday, November 10, 2024.

Peggy was born July 10, 1942, in Topeka to Murvin and Mary Gallagher Jones and attended Topeka High School. On March 22, 1958, Peggy and Julian Charles Oliva were united in marriage enjoying more than 66 years together. Julian's nick name for his beloved was "Sugar-booger."

Peggy was a member of Mater Dei Parish and Holy Name Church for many years. She was a part of almost every facet of the parish. She was a member of the Madonna and St. Benedict's Circles and served as president of the Altar Guild. She was a sacristan, a Eucharistic Minister and took Communion to those in the hospital. She took care of the priests' vestments and the church's plants. Peggy was the funeral dinner coordinator for years and she and Julian chaired the Church's main fundraiser, the Fall Bazaar, twice. She coordinated the parish's once a month dinner at Let's Help for years. Peggy was a founding member of a new ministry, Warm Hugs and Prayers, prayer blanket ministry and was the first recipient as well. She was a member of the quilt group started in 1997 and in 2000 was part of the group which made a special quilt to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Archdiocese. In 2009, Mater Dei Parish honored Peggy and Julian with the Lifetime

Achievement Award in recognition and appreciation of their lifelong commitment to Mater Dei Parish and School. Peggy was always donating her time, treasure and service.

She had worked at Kansas Secure Title and Lawyers Title and loved being a Shawnee County election worker. She was part owner of Pedro Lopez, Inc. She was a member of the Kansas Capital Quilters Guild and Topeka Quilters Group. She worked on the committee for the 25th Annual Reunion of the Bottoms Neighborhood Kids. Peggy never said “No” if there was a job to be done, Peggy did it.

Peggy loved her family! They felt her love in everything she did. She passed on her values by teaching her children what was important in life and how to accomplish it. She followed her grandchildren’s activities: dance, sports, and orchestra with enthusiasm. Peggy loved her dogs, her “four legged kids,” Oscar and Millie.

Peggy summed up her life, “I lived a wonderful 82 years, had great kids and a great husband.”

She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Grateful to have shared Peggy’s life are her husband, Julian Oliva, Sr.; her children, Kathleen Henao (Kristopher), Colleen Speaker (Randy), Julian C. Oliva, Jr. (Susanne); grandchildren, Karrington (Corey), Kerrigan, LeighAnna (Tim), Jarrod, Triston, Shannon (Shane), Trent (Karli), Julian III and Olivia; great-grandchildren, Kensington, Kennedy, Kollins, Aiden, Addalyn, Alenna, Summit and Cannon; and her sisters, Patsy Metzger and Maureen Shirley.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter, Eileen Kay Oliva.

The rosary will be prayed at 2 p.m. Sunday, November 17, with visitation following until 4 p.m. at Mater Dei Holy Name Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at the Church. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mater Dei Parish or the American Cancer Society and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

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

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Rosary

NOV 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mater Dei Holy Name Church
1114 SW 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Visitation

NOV 17. 2:20 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Mater Dei Holy Name Church
1114 SW 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mater Dei Holy Name Church
1114 SW 10th Street
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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Peggy Oliva



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - November 15, 2024 at 10:32 AM

GO

Mr Oliva, Butch and family. My deepest condolences to you and the family. Mrs Oliva will be remembered with a kind heart and beautiful smile. Gina Ortiz

Gina Ortiz - November 17, 2024 at 05:32 PM

FO

“ Julian and family, sorry for your loss. Peggy, Julian and I would exchange stories whenever we saw each other. I have made a donation to the American Cancer society in Peggy's name. Frances Oliva, first cousin in Overland Park

Frances Oliva - November 25, 2024 at 02:06 PM

MM

“ Mary Mumford-Brooks lit a candle in memory of Peggy Oliva

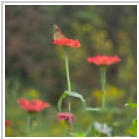


Mary Mumford-Brooks - November 19, 2024 at 09:05 PM

JR

“Peggy was one of the nicest persons I have ever known. We came to know each other through her children, grandchildren and Holy Name. Peggy was always warm and kind with a beautiful smile. In later years we often ran into each other, about every 6 months, while shopping. We would visit for 10 or 15 minutes while Julian walked around the store waiting us to finish. Often I had to tell him to keep walking because other people were now waiting to visit with her! (Obviously she was very well liked and popular!) I always left her presence feeling peaceful. She had that special something about her. Heaven gained a very special angel. RIP sweet Peggy.

Jennie Rilinger - November 19, 2024 at 03:36 PM



“Memories of Peggy (& Julian) being so welcoming as a young grade school friend of Kathleen's. She always had a smile. So beautiful!

Michelle Gray - November 18, 2024 at 11:30 AM

EA

“Our condolences to all the Family. She will be missed, by many people. 🙏. Your cousins, Eddie and Laura Arredondo



Eddie and Laura Arredondo - November 17, 2024 at 09:26 PM

CA

“ *Chelsea, Hannah, Kelsie, & Amanda purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Peggy Oliva.*



Chelsea, Hannah, Kelsie, & Amanda - November 16, 2024 at 04:06 PM

JC

“ *So sorry for your loss. Peggy always invited us into her home growing up in the neighborhood. She will be missed.*
Jimmy Collins

Jimmy Collins - November 16, 2024 at 11:27 AM

RC

“ *To the Oliva family. So sorry to see this. Just one of the great "Moms" growing up in the neighborhood. Thoughts and prayers.*
Randy and Connie Collins

Randy Collins - November 15, 2024 at 06:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Peggy Oliva.*



November 15, 2024 at 06:10 PM

MS

“Peggy and JC have been my neighbor for almost 7 years now. Peggy was always so kind to myself, husband, and kids. She would bring us tamales and cookies during the Holidays and we had lovely serendipitous chats in the yard.

One summer, my husband was deployed. I was 8 months pregnant with my second, and Peggy saw me trying to do yard work at 9pm. She came over and helped my cut limbs and rake up branches, because she said I shouldn't be out there doing that when I'm pregnant. I told her we made quite the pair, a pregnant gal and a seasoned woman doing yard work at 9pm together.

I will miss her.

Ian and I are praying for you and your family JC.

-Maddie Safford

Maddie Safford - November 15, 2024 at 03:50 PM

MR

“Peggy and I worked closely together at KST and she was one of my earliest friends there. I was gratified to share her life. Mary Rogge

Mary Rogge - November 15, 2024 at 01:23 PM

GG

“Gamber girls - Angie, Haley, & Gabi purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Peggy Oliva.



Gamber girls - Angie, Haley, & Gabi - November 15, 2024 at 09:47 AM

AR

“ Aurora and Maria Romero purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Peggy Oliva.



Aurora and Maria Romero - November 15, 2024 at 09:07 AM

GF

“ Julian and family so sorry for your loss, Peggy and i worked together at Kansas Secued Title she was a hard worker and good friend, she will be missed.

Glenda Frisby - November 14, 2024 at 11:48 PM

DJ

“ To Julian and family. So sorry to hear of the passing of Peggy. She was a beautiful person. I don't ever remember seeing her when she did not smile or greet you with friendship and affection. Many good memories of when our kids were in Sumner, Roosevelt and Topeka High. My deepest condolences to all of you. Dale Johnston

Dale Johnston - November 14, 2024 at 07:04 PM

XD

“ Xiomara Lopez and Phillip Doll purchased the Ful I Of Love Bouquet for the family of Peggy Oliva.



Xiomara Lopez and Phillip Doll - November 14, 2024 at 07:04 PM

MP

“ Julian & Family my condolences & sympathy to you all .Peggy will be always be remembered because she was so nice an had a big smile on her face an was a very special person .May she rest in peace an God bless you all ,thinking of you all . Mary Sanchez Pineda &Family

Mary Sanchez Pineda - November 14, 2024 at 04:11 PM



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November 14, 2024 at 03:20 PM

MC

“ Our condolences to all the Oliva family! Peggy was a beautiful person, both inside and out. She had a beautiful smile. Praying the Lord will give you strength and perseverance during this time. May she rest in peace!

Mary Jo Chavez and mother, Josephine

Mary Chavez - November 14, 2024 at 12:11 PM

HR

“ Butch, sorry for your loss. Our memories of Peggy are of a pleasant thoughtful person. When we would visit with you and Peggy, she was always so nice. Her work in the community and in her parish was outstanding . We will pray for her, for you and the family. Your cousins in KC. Henry and Libby Romero

Henry Romero - November 14, 2024 at 10:01 AM

AG

“ *Oliva Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. Peggy always had a smile on her face and was also friendly. She will be greatly missed. May all of your memories bring you all comfort.*

Rosemary R Gutierrez and Family

Angie Gutierrez - November 14, 2024 at 09:19 AM

JC

“ *As neighbors for the past 26 years, we have watched Peggy and Julian care for their yard, walk their dogs, and play with their grandchildren. Peggy has been a bright light, and we will miss her. Sending prayers for all of her family.*

Joy Crevoiserat - November 13, 2024 at 06:18 PM

BR

“ *Julian and family! So sorry for your loss. My mom Ruby Jones Walters thought the world of you and Peggy. She talked about you all the time. Praying for your family during this time. God Bless!*
Barb Jones Rickstrew

Barb Rickstrew - November 13, 2024 at 05:41 PM

TT

“ *For the Oliva families, you have our condolences and prayers.*

Tom Tinoco,Sr. - November 13, 2024 at 03:58 PM

SC

“ Kathleen and Kris, I am so sorry to hear of your mother’s passing. She was such a lovely lady and always so kind to me. What a wonderful legacy she leaves behind. She was such a blessing to everyone. She touched prayers for you and your family.

Sandy Clark - November 13, 2024 at 03:33 PM

JB

“ We were so lucky to have had Peggy share her love and compassion with our patients here at Stormont Vail Health with her ministry. She has been missed by many here. Many prayers for the family and friends of this wonderful lady.

Jeanne Billings - November 13, 2024 at 02:27 PM

LW

“ Lisa W. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Peggy Oliva.



Lisa W. - November 13, 2024 at 12:49 PM

BS

“ I am so sorry to read this. What a lovely lady she was. Thoughts and prayers for her family. God Bless, Barb (Registrar, formerly at Cancer Center)



Barb Stearman - November 13, 2024 at 10:45 AM

JA

“*"Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen"*
John & Delphine Anguiano and family

John Anguiano - November 13, 2024 at 10:30 AM

NO

“*Kathleen - so sorry to hear about your mother. I remember her being so involved with us in girl scouts. Had been missing running into her for a while. Nancy Ott*

Nancy Ott - November 13, 2024 at 10:13 AM

VC

“*My condolences to all of the Oliva family. I have a beautiful memory of Peggy. I was at the house playing with Eileen and Colleen. I went upstairs to go home and Mr. & Mrs. Oliva were dancing in the living room. Peggy was laughing and smiling at Julian, while he whirled her around. It was so romantic for a little girl. I knew I was looking at love. I've never forgotten that or how happy it made me.*

Vanessa Church - November 13, 2024 at 09:39 AM

DS

“*My condolences go out to JC.and all the family. Peggy was a loving,kind and caring friend. I will surely miss her.*

Dennis Spain - November 13, 2024 at 09:12 AM

DS

“*Kathleen, I am sorry for your loss, sending my prayers and sympathy.*

Dominic A Gutiérrez Sr - November 12, 2024 at 09:52 PM

MD

“ Julian and the Olivia family, I am soo sorry for your loss. We grew up at Holy Name and my Mom and Dad were good friends of yours through the church, the Knights and quilting. I saw your Peggy and Julian not too long ago at Taco Al's. We talked about life and how things were going since my Mom passed away. Peggy will be missed by so many. She was a great lady!

Marsheila Christie Dana - November 12, 2024 at 08:41 PM

LC

A great friend she was to me. My quilting buddy will never be forgotten. She was an inspiration. My condolences to her family. She will continue to live in our hearts forever.

Lilia CAMACHO - November 13, 2024 at 10:37 AM

FU

my condolences go out to you JC and your family!
Fred Ullery

Fred Ullery - November 14, 2024 at 07:39 AM

SS

“ To the Oliva family, I am so sorry for your loss. I have wonderful memories of your Mom. She was always so kind to me. I will keep your family in my prayers. Shelley Douglas Slachowitz

Shelley Douglas Slachowitz - November 12, 2024 at 07:58 PM

GC

“ My deepest condolences, Cousin Gloria and my Family The Carrenos. Peggy was a beautiful lady. Always welcomed me in her home. She will definitely be missed by her family. Love ❤️

Gloria Carreno - November 12, 2024 at 07:56 PM

KL

“ Aww I'm extremely sorry for your loss, I will be praying and thinking about you all !

Kelli Lambert - November 12, 2024 at 07:35 PM

DB

“ Peggy was definitely one of God's earthly servants. She always helped anyone and everyone. Her and Julian raised 4 remarkable kind and loving children to continue their legacy. Peggy was always kind and welcoming to me. She will be missed by many!

Donna Brooks - November 12, 2024 at 06:49 PM

KS

“ J.C.- Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Peggy was shining example to all of us, and we will really miss her.

Kevin Schmidt and family.

Kevin Schmidt - November 12, 2024 at 06:30 PM

AA

A life well lived. Godspeed Peggy...Paradise welcomes you home. Prayers for comfort for all those left behind.

Adrian & Tish (Padilla) Alcala - November 13, 2024 at 12:03 PM

AA

Our Lady pray for us!

Adrian & Tish (Padilla) Alcala - November 13, 2024 at 12:04 PM

SB

*JC, Kathleen, Colleen Butch and families
Peggy was as beautiful on the inside as she was on the out. She was truly an angel to all who knew her. Never saying no when something was needed. I'm sure you have many special memories! She will always be in your hearts. Peggy will be missed by all who knew her. You are all in my prayers. Sally Brooke*

Sally Brooke - November 13, 2024 at 10:47 PM

RP

To the Oliva's

Thoughts and prayers to all of you. Peggy was always so kind and great to me. She will be missed dearly. I told Coleen, really miss her Chicken and Mole.

Wishing all of you the best.

Rick Patton

Rick Patton - November 14, 2024 at 03:07 PM

MR

To the Oliva family our sincerest condolences. God sent us a beautiful person we were all blessed to know her kindness peacefulness and faithfulness. God is Good. May the perpetual light shine upon her. Love u All.

Aurora and Maria Romero

Maria romero - November 15, 2024 at 09:22 AM