



Margaret "Peg" A. Joyce

February 8, 1944 - October 16, 2020

Albany-On October 16, 2020, Margaret "Peg" Kane Joyce, a strong, loving and courageously tough matriarch passed away peacefully and with dignity in her home surrounded by her loving family.

Peg was born in Bergen County, New Jersey in 1944 to Gerald and Anne Foley Kane.

At the age of eighteen, she moved with her family to Delmar, New York, and began working at New York State Higher Education Corporation. She met and married Harold Joyce in Albany where they raised five children, adopted countless dogs and – with reluctance -- a cat or two. She had a deep faith and was a quiet public servant who was the backbone of her family, supporting her husband's career while volunteering at Blessed Sacrament School and Church in service to the religious education program, the youth group, and Parish Council. When her children were grown, she began work at Community Maternity Services in Albany as a day care director and parent educator and at Blessed Sacrament School as an assistant teacher. Peg loved her garden, her dogs Daisy and Trixie, her music (we can still hear her singing in the kitchen), annual trips to Lake George with her family, Cape Cod with her Grandchildren and her seasonal escapes to Florida with her dear friend Pat.

Peg's return to the workforce was short-lived because Anna, Frances, Ella, Norah, Nathaniel, Mika, Maeve, Colton and Willow launched her into "retirement" as full-time Grammy. In yet another selfless role, she was a caretaker in support of her children at the start of their careers. She was an avid theater goer, music aficionado and sports fan who never missed a performance or game. Her grandchildren will remember Grammy not only for her frequent and loving hugs but also as their ever-enthusiastic sidekick in all things imagining, dancing, singing, shell-seeking and lightsaber battling.

In addition to her parents, Peg was predeceased by her husband Harold, his parents, and many sisters and brothers-in-law who loved her. She is survived by her children Ray (Cara), Amy (Seth), Maggie, Matthew, Andrew (Jennifer); her nine grandchildren; her siblings Paul Kane (Jean), Geraldine King (John) and Anne Kane (Jake), sisters in-law Kathleen Joyce, Veronica Kavanaugh and Michaela Joyce, many adored nieces and nephews, and friends and neighbors from Winthrop Avenue.

Peg's family wishes to thank GeGe, Layla, and Eileen for providing such compassionate care during the past few weeks and her spiritual caregivers Fr. John Bradley and Deacon Gerald Ladouceur.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Blessed Sacrament School, 607 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12206 or to your choice of any local agency or group that provides services to children and families in need.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Peg's family Tuesday, October 20, 2020 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please only enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot doorway; masks and social distancing are required; and 40 visitors at a time will be allowed in the funeral home.

Funeral services Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 9:30 am at Blessed Sacrament Church, 607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206 where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated by Rev. John Bradley, a dear family friend. Please only enter the church from the Hunter Ave. parking lot; masks and social distancing are required; 150 visitors will be allowed in the church for the Mass. Delayed streaming of Peg's Funeral Mass is available by visiting YouTube and navigating to Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany NY

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the Funeral Mass. To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

The easiest way to honor Peg, a Blue Star Mother, is to help restore our Country's values of service, love, patriotism, equity, morality and decency by casting your vote for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris in November.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

Service

OCT **21**. 9:30 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church
607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way)
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret "Peg" A. Joyce*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - October 19, 2020 at 03:09 PM



“ *Margaret "Peg" A. Joyce*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Since learning about Peggy my heart is full of sadness and tears, but her beautiful smile, kindness and courage will always be with me. My love and deep sympathy to her children, and to all her family. Joan Heffernan*

J. HEFFERNAN - November 10, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ *Paul, I am so sorry to hear of your dear sister Peg's passing. Although I only met her once, at my mother's wake, and enjoyed conversation with her at the diner afterwards, I remember her as being a lovely woman. And now, having read her obituary, I am happy to know so much more about what a lovely woman she really was. I am delighted to honor her last wishes by voting for Biden & Harris. Love, Marge (Cadman) DeSantis*

Paul Kane - October 23, 2020 at 11:26 AM

PK

“ From Elizabeth (Kane) Rosenberg: My most heartfelt condolences for my sweet Aunt Peggy! She was a totally fun Aunt and such a loving lady!❤️❤️

Paul Kane - October 23, 2020 at 11:19 AM

PR

“ Sorry to hear about Your Wife Our Prayers are with Your Family The Ryans at 10 King Ave

paul ryan red - October 20, 2020 at 02:25 PM

RV

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Joyce family, RIP Mrs. Joyce.

Ricky Vincent - October 20, 2020 at 07:55 AM

MM

“ My sincere condolences to the Joyce Family. RIP.

Maura Farrell Miller - October 19, 2020 at 08:00 PM

MG

“ Our sincere condolences to the Joyce family.

Matt and Kathy (McNulty) Galka

Matt and Kathy Galka - October 19, 2020 at 06:13 PM

PA

“ I am so sorry to hear the news of Peg's passing. I remember so many times working with her on a variety of activities at Blessed Sacrament. We shared a lot of laughs. My thoughts and prayers are with Peg and her family. May she Rest In Peace. - Patti Allen

Patti Allen - October 19, 2020 at 04:02 PM

MC

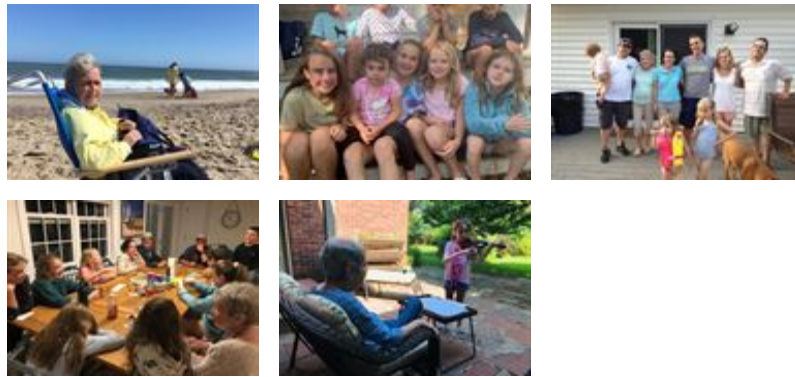
“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



McVeigh - October 19, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ 44 files added to the album Life Tributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - October 19, 2020 at 03:05 PM

KZ

“ Good afternoon.

I did not have the privilege of knowing Peg personally but have had the pleasure of working with Chairman Andrew Joyce and Ray Joyce. I can only imagine they embody Peg's integrity and passion for working to better our community through our actions. The work we do can continue to honor her life and memory.

*Keeping you and your family in my thoughts,
Karen Ziegler*

Karen Ziegler - October 19, 2020 at 02:23 PM

VP

“ Ray and Andrew - I am so deeply sorry for your loss. You are a tribute to her memory. My thoughts are with you and you family.
-Vicky

Victoria Plotsky - October 19, 2020 at 11:25 AM

EB

“ Andrew and family. I am so sorry for the loss of your Mom. After reading just how special she was I can see why you are all so special too. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Sincerely Eileen Bucci.

Eileen Bucci - October 19, 2020 at 10:31 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret "Peg" A. Joyce.



October 19, 2020 at 10:04 AM

DW

“ Ray, Matt, Andrew, Michaela and the Joyce Family,

My condolences on Peg's passing. When I think of Peg, I think of seeing her at a ball field, or at a school event or in church, always supporting her children and grandchildren. A very nice woman, who always had a smile on her face. My prayers are with her and all of you in this difficult time.

Daniel Wasserbach - October 19, 2020 at 10:02 AM

JV

“ Mary and I will be out of town but wanted to let the family know how much we appreciated the years of friendship we had with Peggy and Jugger. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Mary and John Vroman.

John Vroman - October 19, 2020 at 09:40 AM

RR

“ I am so very sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She was one of the kindest person's i know. It was an absolute delight to be in her presence. Her smile was infectious..... Peg and the entire Joyce family made my stay at Blessed Sacrament one of the happiest times in my Priesthood. Family was first and foremost important to the Joyce family and it explains how easily Peg fit in to what family was all about. She brought a peaceful presence into my life in her genuine love and friendship. My love and prayers go out to all of her children..... Never forget the love that was at the core of her relationship with each of you. If there were any possible way I could physically be with you at this time i would be. As I take care of my Mom 24/7 and have had no aide or assistance available ... I am unable to see you at this time...BUT you are certainly in my thoughts and prayers..... as we together continue to grow and share in the love and life of your Mom and her belief in Jesus Christ.... F r. Rodino

Rev. Sam Rodino - October 18, 2020 at 10:30 PM

KA

“ John and I sent to all of the Joyce and Kane families our sincere condolences.
She was a gift I'm sure will be missed.
May all of you have happy memories close to your hearts.
Sincerely, John and Kathleen Rosch

kathleen - October 18, 2020 at 09:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret "Peg" A. Joyce.*



October 18, 2020 at 05:47 PM



“ *Peggy was an awesome person Simply the greatest I loved running into her occasionally in the grocery store and we would always compare the best things to buy! You kids were all the best and the kindest, most generous individuals on the planet! We will think of u and our prayers are with u now and always*
Larry and Dottie Dack

Dorothy Dack - October 18, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ *Joyce family;*
Please accept our prayers and condolences on the passing of Peg. She was a good and wonderful women! God Bless!
John and Lynda Kearney

John Kearney - October 18, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ *PS. LET ME ASSURE PEG AND HAROLD THAT I HAVE ALREADY VOTED BY ABS FOR JOE BIDEN AND THAT THE WHOLE OF THE BARRETT, MENDEZ, BARRETT AND O'CONNOR FAMILY WILL BE DOING LIKEWISE!!! MAY GOD BLESS OUR GREAT AMERICAN DEMOCRACY AND THE SOULS OF PEG AND HAROLD JOYCE!!!*

DICK BARRETT - October 18, 2020 at 02:26 PM

RB

“ LET ME OFFER MY SINCEREST SYMPATHIES TO THE JOYCE FAMILY ON THE LOSS OF ONE SO PRECIOUS. THE ONLY THOUGHT THAT HELPS SOFTEN THIS TERRIBLE LOSS IS TO REMEMBER THAT PEG AND HAROLD ARE NOW TOGETHER IN HEAVEN! . PEG AND HAROLD PLEASE REST COMFORTABLY IN THE HANDS OF ALL MIGHTY GOD! YOU HAVE LIVED THE LIFE THAT WE SHOULD ALL LIVE!!

DICK BARRETT

RICHARD BARRETT - October 18, 2020 at 01:56 PM

NG

“ The world has lost a truly great woman. I always admired Peg and our many interactions over the years through the lives of our children and numerous activities at Blessed Sacrament. Her kind spirit, bright smiles and exasperations in raising her family is admirable. You will be missed by many.....

Nancy Coshun Grace

Nancy Grace - October 18, 2020 at 09:43 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your Mom, Ray. Blessings and peace being sent to you and your family.

Carolyn Kowsky-o'donnell - October 18, 2020 at 08:48 AM

ML

“ I have wonderful memories of spending time in the Joyce home. I am very sorry for your loss.

Mary Kasson Lawyer - October 18, 2020 at 08:38 AM

MD

“ To the Family of Peg Joyce, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a wonderful person. I was very fortunate to have had her as my aide at Blessed Sacrament School. We had a great time working and laughing together each day. We once said we couldn't believe we got paid to have so much fun! I hope the memories will comfort you in the days to come.

Michele DiPiazza

Michele DiPiazza - October 17, 2020 at 07:31 PM