



Margaret "Peggy" Smith

July 3, 1948 - June 5, 2024

Margaret "Peggy" M. Smith, aged 75 of Holland Ohio left us at the end of the day Tuesday, June 4, 2024. Peggy was born in Toledo on July 3, 1948, to Margaret (Flower) Redman, Frank Redman, and proud big brother Frankie. Her father suddenly passed in 1956 when she was 8 years old and attending St. Agnes Elementary. In 1958, her mother married William Manders. Her family grew to include brothers Bill and John, and twin sisters Louise and Linda. She then attended St. Vincent De Paul, and Woodward High Schools. Peggy went on to earn her Bachelor of Education degree, she attended Mary Mance College, The Ohio State University, and The University of Toledo during the tumultuous late 60's, early 70's.

Peggy taught school and worked at the neighborhood Ontario store which is where she met and married the absolute love of her life, Robert Smith. Opposite do attract. Their bonds were strong, their love, deep, unbreakable, and profound. They truly completed one another.

When their beautiful boy, Rob made his surprise entrance into the world in July of 1975, their family experienced indescribable joy. Despite their excitement, they endured unthinkable unrest. With grace, despite naysayers, cynics, and racial biases, the aptly nick-named "nicest girl in the world," remained steadfast in her love for her little family. They shared a unique and lasting love, a powerful bond which forever connects them. Together they

helped change the world with never-ending quiet strength and courage of conviction. They demonstrated that love is love; happiness is not about money, instead it is about family, sharing love, laughter and tears together. It is Peggy's gift and legacy to the world.

Peggy held many jobs including cashier, bookkeeper, service desk operator, and warehouse picker at Ontario, Cub Foods, Farmer Jack's, and Walgreens. She was a loving and treasured childcare giver to many: Christine (niece), Jared (nephew), Natalie (friend Sandy's daughter), Charlie & Jenny (neighbors).

She was a loyal friend to many, who enjoyed traveling and celebrating life's milestones. She stood up for friends at their weddings. Her favorite, most life-changing and rewarding role was as mother to Rob. She was immensely proud of her son. She was unable to contain her abundant love for him, telling everyone about him. She treasured sharing photos of him as well as stories about his childhood, his skills for music and writing, how talented thoughtful he is, and how very happy he made her.

After losing Robert in 2006, Peggy was lost and lonely without him. She grieved and was depressed for many long years resulting in more health issues. Peggy lived alone for several years before moving into assisted living at Astor House. She loved it there. She had an adorable apartment, made many new friends and enjoyed the activities, crafts, games and visits from family and friends. Christmas was her favorite time of year. She relished the Manders Family Christmas Eves and her annual Birthday celebration simply because they were opportunities to be together with family and friends and to smile, laugh, and share love.

Peggy was a pure, genuinely sweet, loving, beautiful person. She never stopped teaching. The last lessons she shared are that to love freely and

deeply is an undeniable treasure unlike any other. The hurt that accompanies lost love is indescribable, very difficult to bear, yet so worth the pain.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert D. Smith (2006); father, Frank Redman (1956); mother, Margaret M. Flower Redman Manders (1996), dad, William J Manders (1975); and dear friend Brenda 'Jacob' Murphy.

Peggy is survived by her son Robert Smith of Detroit, brother Frank Redman (Pat) of NC, brothers Bill Manders (Toni) of Waterville, and John Manders (Ileen) of Point Place, and twin sisters, Louise Manders, and Linda Kerul (Joe) both of Toledo, OH; nieces and nephews Stephanie 'Redman' Friess (Mark), Christine Redman, James Manders, John David Manders, Josh Manders, Jared Manders, and Emily Kerul; great-nephew, Tyler Baker; great-nieces, Chelsea Baker and Makiah Manders; many cousins and life-long friend Sandy 'Tursky' Cventinovic, friends from Cub's, Farmer Jack's and Walgreens especially Sherry and Letecia, and her Astor House buddies.

Peggy will be sincerely and deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers, it was Peggy's wish that if it moves your heart, contribute to the Civil/Human Rights organization of your choice, or to Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Friends are invited to visit from 12:00pm to 2:00pm Sunday, June 9, 2024, at Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue, where a celebration of Peggy's life will commence at 2:00pm.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home
3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Celebration of Life

JUN 9. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home
3000 W. Sylvania Ave
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Tribute Wall

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“ I did not know Peggy real well but I talked to her several times. Peggy was always nice to me and I liked talking to her. She was a Sweet Lady.. Rest in Peace Peggy.

Barbara A Nerswig - June 11, 2024 at 06:12 PM

MD

“ I worked with Peggy and Louise at Farmer Jack so many wonderful memories. I remember her husband when I was a child and seeing him at the Ontario store looking so cool and dressed to the nines. My Deepest sympathy to family and. Michael Drzewiecki 419-370-4264

Michael Drzewiecki - June 10, 2024 at 11:03 AM

BE

“ While I have never met Peggy I felt compelled to write. She sounded like a wonderful person. Please know how touched I was by the words to describe her. My condolences to her family.

betsy - June 09, 2024 at 08:44 AM

RA

“ A very nice lady work together had fun and a special dear friend

Rick Alspach - June 08, 2024 at 08:33 AM

BH

“ I worked across from Peggy at walgreens for many years. She would often talk about her late husband and how much she missed him and of her son Rob and how she was so proud of him. She was a kind and sweet woman. She can now rest in peace and be with her husband ❤️.

Condolences to Rob and the rest of her family.

Barb Hillard - June 08, 2024 at 07:28 AM

RB

“ It is with sincere sadness and sympathy to learn of Peggy's passing. It was a pleasure getting to know and work with her. Condolences to Rob, Peggy's family and friends. .May Peggy have eternal peace and soar in heaven with the angels and her beloved husband, Robert. Your earthly time has ended, now it is time for her to have eternal peace and rest. Rose Budy



Rose Budy - June 07, 2024 at 06:24 PM