



Margaret M. "Peggy" Buss

August 9, 1937 - December 5, 2023

Margaret M. "Peggy" Buss, 86, of East Peoria, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at her home. She was born on August 9, 1937, in Ottawa, IL, to Edward and Alta Mae (Halverson) O'Connor. Peggy married Merle Buss on August 6, 1955. He preceded her in death on November 7, 2005.

She is survived by her two daughters, Rhonda (Mike) Huwe and Cheryl Reid both of East Peoria; five grandchildren, Gary (Elizabeth) Huwe, Jill Huwe, Nicole (Britt) Beard, Lindi Short and Greg (Caitlyn) Huwe; eight great grandchildren; and one sister, Darlene (Roger) Campbell of East Peoria.

Peggy was employed as a cook at Pleasant Hill Grade School and District 86 in East Peoria for 32 and a 1/2 years. She was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

She enjoyed fishing and bowling. Peggy was a loving and caring wife, sister, mother and grandmother. Her family was her greatest joy.

Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 9, 2023, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria, with a Funeral Service beginning at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Howard Love will officiate. Burial will follow at Fondulac Cemetery in East Peoria.

Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or TAPS. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Fondulac Cemetery

1985 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 9. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services Inc. - East Peoria
444 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL 61611

Memorial Service

DEC 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I'll always remember her stopping to get me every morning during school. Rhonda & I were Raiderettes & had to be at practice @ 7am before school. She was a cook & had to be at work early, too. My family only had one car at that time. Many memories of her kindness.

LaVonna Sams - December 09, 2023 at 12:43 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margaret M. "Peggy" Buss.



December 08, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Margaret M. "Peggy" Buss.



December 07, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Margaret M. "Peggy" Buss.



December 07, 2023 at 08:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Margaret M. "Peggy" Buss.



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“ Aunt Peggy was such a beautiful soul. She lit up a room with her smile and laughter. As a child, I treasured our visits with Aunt Peggy, Uncle Merle, Rhonda and Cheryl. Mom and Aunt Peggy would stay up late into the night talking and laughing. Sisters, catching up on each other’s worlds. It was such a sweet sound to drift off to sleep by. Then there was the clock, which bolted those of us not acquainted with its thunder awake, every hour on the hour! Aunt Peggy found it hilarious that it startled me, and of course I found myself laughing too, because her laughter was wonderfully contagious. I came to love that clock.

Rhonda and Cheryl were the light of her life. Then came grandchildren, and her light grew. I phoned from Japan one year to say hello, and let her know that my husband, ten month old daughter and I would be visiting Peoria soon. Aunt Peggy was brimming with excitement, telling me all about the grandkids and looking forward to meeting her great niece. I enjoyed every minute of her telling me about what the grandkids were doing, how fast they were growing and their fantastic personalities. She was also my shopping partner from afar, as she filled me in on what they would like from Japan. She never thought to tell me what she might like. It was others she focused on.

Aunt Peggy was and always will be a beautiful light in our family. Until we meet in heaven, I’ll hold her close in my heart, knowing how fortunate our family has been to call her ours.

Elizabeth Puzo - December 07, 2023 at 05:34 PM