



## Mrs. Margaret Monaghan "Peg"

February 4, 1932 - February 4, 2021

It is said in some beliefs, that passing on your day of birth means you have completed your God given mission on earth. On Thursday, February 4, 2021, Margaret Monaghan, 89, completed hers.

Margaret, "Peg," was the oldest daughter of Russ and Marge Thiel. She was preceded in death by her two brothers Donald and Francis, along with her loving husband of 59 years, Edward Monaghan, who often referred to her as the most beautiful woman in the world.

Peg's greatest joy was her family. She was the proud mother of 6 children; Margaret, Edward Jr., Patricia Schwartz, John (Denise), Don (Trish), and Susanne (Mike) Tuckerman and the beloved and admired Mom-Mom of 11; Maggie, Kate, Casey, Ashley, Mikey, Eddie, Tim, Patrick, Brendan, Hailey, and Grace.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, she loved summers in Avalon and dancing the night away to big band music with her lifelong girlfriends, also known as "her Sorority." Peg met her husband Ed, while working at The Boat Shop. He stopped by daily to see her while walking his beat with the Philadelphia Police Department, The two fell in love over a game of checkers.

In the 1980's, Peg worked at Northeast Industrial Credit Union, which was then followed by her favorite position of all, Full Time Mom-Mom. Over the years, Peg's favorite time was spent caring for each and every one of her grandkids. Mom-Mom was the best babysitter ever! As the grandchildren grew up, she loved as each would stop by for a visit and share stories.

Along with her love for entering contests and sweepstakes, the undefeated rummy player enjoyed her mornings with a cup of coffee and her cryptogram and her evenings watching her Hallmark Movies or Blue Bloods, with her second favorite leading man, Tom Selleck. Peg loved decorating for every holiday and shopping for the just-right gift for each member of her family. Throughout her modest yet adventurous life, Peg's selflessness and strength shone through as she always put others before herself in even the most difficult of circumstances. And while she would say "This too shall pass" as we mourn and miss her irresistible humor and loving spirit, the adoration from her friends and family will remain.

Funeral services for our beloved Margaret will be held on Saturday, February 13, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul (Main Church), 1723 Race St., Philadelphia. Relatives and friends are invited to visit with the family from 9 to 10:30 a.m., to be followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. COVID protocols will be in place.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters, 2212 Green St., Philadelphia, PA 19130. Arr. Dinan Funeral Home, Phila. Condolences may also be sent to [www.dinanfuneralhome.com](http://www.dinanfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Interment Private**

# Previous Events

## **Viewing and Funeral Mass at Church**

FEB 13. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul  
18th Street  
Benjamin Franklin Parkway  
Philadelphia, PA 19130

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Margaret Monaghan "Peg"*

February 03, 2023 at 04:11 AM



“ *Beautiful Mass today Peg and family. Thanks for sharing it on Zoom. Your Mom and I shared Christmas card over the last few years. I was always happy to see Mrs. Monaghan's beautiful penmanship arrive on a lovely card. It always reminded me of my Mom's handwriting. Hugs.*

**Margaret Bue** - February 13, 2021 at 02:28 PM



“ *I have lived next to Peg for 50 years. We would sit on her patio in her rocking chairs & talk about the kids & grand kids & hubby's. Sometimes her kids would stop by. I have seen them grow into adults, watched them walk up the isle and have children of their own. She was so proud of all of you. I will miss my friend, neighbor. May you rest in peace, Love Ginette Calhoun & Family*

**Ginette Calhoun** - February 12, 2021 at 06:33 PM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret Monaghan "Peg".*



February 11, 2021 at 11:21 PM

JM

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**john monaghan** - February 11, 2021 at 04:26 PM

TD

“ *TRUDY AND DON purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Margaret Monaghan "Peg".*



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**TRUDY AND DON** - February 10, 2021 at 11:50 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret Monaghan "Peg".*



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February 10, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret Monaghan "Peg".*



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February 10, 2021 at 02:24 PM

SA

“ I just want to offer my condolences to the Monaghan family. I hope you find the strength to get you through this difficult period.

*Steve Armeli and family  
Metuchen, NJ*

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**Steve Armeli** - February 10, 2021 at 10:25 AM

JH

“ To John & Denise, and the entire Monaghan family we send our deepest sympathies. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

*--Jen & Chris Hageman and family*

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**Jennifer Hageman** - February 09, 2021 at 01:17 PM

LM

“ I was blessed to have been found by the Monaghan Family through the Ancestry website. We are related through Peg’s Mother and my Father, who were siblings. In a series of unfortunate events the family lost touch, until I was “discovered” living only 25 minutes away. I was welcomed by the Monaghan family, especially by Peg ... and our connection was immediate. She was fun, outgoing, gracious, had wonderful humor, and treated me as if we were old friends. I was thrilled to have my “new” cousin to talk to. We were looking forward to having lunch together in the Spring. I am very saddened by her passing; however, I now have wonderful memories of such a special lady. I’m sure the reunion with her parents, husband, her brothers, friends, was quite a heavenly celebration! She leaves behind a legacy of love. My sincere condolences to her beautiful family.  
My heart is fuller for having known Peg. 🍀

Lucille Kennedy McLain  
Yardley, PA

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**Lucille McLain** - February 08, 2021 at 10:00 PM



My Mom was so so happy to have found you. You had a instant connection and she loved talking with you. Thank you for your kindness to her. ❤️ Finding family was such a gift to her in last few years.

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**Patti Schwartz** - February 14, 2021 at 10:11 AM

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“ *The Lare family will always cherish many memories made with the Monaghan family. As kids we grew up with her children. There was always an open door policy with lots of love and smiles on the other side of that door. The welcome mat was always out!*

*Our Mom LizAnn Lare lived across the street from them until her move to Texas. We were able to have a lovely visit with her June a year ago when we came to Philadelphia to see family. She and her family are family to us.*

*Her sweet smile and love for us all will be missed and we will treasure memories made through many years as neighbors and friends. To Peggy, Eddie, Patty, John, Donald and Susann, and all your families, we send our love from Texas and big hugs and prayers as you say good bye to your wonderful mother.*

*With Love ,*

*Bill and Sue (Lare) Himmel*

*Liza Ann Lare* ❤️ 🙏

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**Sue Himmel** - February 08, 2021 at 09:11 PM