



Marguerite "Peggy" D. Cunningham

August 12, 1935 - September 2, 2020

A woman of great strength, faith and love, Marguerite "Peggy" (Ankenbrandt) Cunningham, age 85, passed away peacefully at home in Toledo on September 2, 2020. Peggy was born on August 12, 1935 to George and Marguerite (Knoke) Ankenbrandt. Her drive and dedication to helping others led Peggy to become a clinical nurse specialist, achieving a nursing degree from Johns Hopkins University and a Master's degree from the University of Michigan. She later taught at Mercy College in Toledo and Queens College in New York. During a memorable trip to Scotland, Peggy met the love of her life, Patrick "Pat" Cunningham. After their marriage in 1973, Peggy and Pat raised their family in New York for many years before returning to Toledo. Peggy remained a nurse all her life. Her three children remember how she stayed calm and patient during any crisis or medical situation, often telling them, "this doesn't hurt!" (sometimes her children disagreed). Peggy was an avid reader and life-long traveler, visiting all 50 states and many countries over the decades. She and Pat enjoyed both the journey and the destination in their travels, which included visiting homes of former U.S. presidents. Inspired by the example of her mother, Peggy made a trip to Israel at the age of 80 and always retained her curiosity and interest in new places.

Peggy's love of helping others extended to her generosity, she always made all her guests feel like family. She had a spot for everyone at the table, and for many years enjoyed hosting a holiday open house. A member of the "Morning Glories" at Our Lady of Perpetual Help church, Peggy was deeply committed to her faith and served as a Eucharistic minister and lector. She could always be counted on to help others through tough times with humor and love. Peggy touched many lives and will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and faith community.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents; her best friend and husband, Pat; sister-in-laws, Mary and Catherine Cunningham and her nephew, Daniel Yaklin. She is survived by her children, Patric (P.J.), Kelley (Josh) Surdell and Megan Cunningham; adored granddaughters, Haley, Rebekah, and Kelsey; sister, Judy (Ken) Yaklin; as well as nieces and nephews, Sara (Bill), Molly (Ted), Elizabeth and Michael Yaklin.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Friday, September 11th from 3:00-7:00 p.m. where a Scripture Service will be recited at 6:30 p.m.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 12th beginning at 9:30 a.m., in the mortuary, followed by a Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at 10:00 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Face masks and social distancing are required by the funeral home and the church.

Memorials may take the form of contributions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Please view and sign our online “guest registry” at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Ave
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Service

SEP 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
2255 Central Grove
Toledo, OH 43614

Tribute Wall

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“Peggy and other Our Lady Help of Christians women who worked with Fr. Murphy helping Pre Cana couples prepare for marriage. What wonderful times we all had together!!



Dianne Somma - September 11, 2020 at 02:49 PM

MH

“Mark, Debbie, Ava & Alexa Hall purchased the Adoring Heart for the family of Marguerite "Peggy" D. Cunningham.



Mark, Debbie, Ava & Alexa Hall - September 10, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marguerite "Peggy" D. Cunningham.



September 10, 2020 at 09:52 AM

MS

“Peggy was what I think of when I say “salt of the earth”. Peggy was a sweet,gentle,kind and caring lady. At the same time she was fun, full of laughter, interesting and feisty - a true Joy to be with. She will be missed by many but Peggy will now be in the loving arms of God and again be joined with the love of her life here on earth, Pat.
Our condolences to the family.

Mary and Tom Sheffler, fellow Morning Glories

Mary Sheffler - September 08, 2020 at 09:40 AM

LS

“ Laurie Smith purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Marguerite "Peggy" D. Cunningham.



Laurie Smith - September 05, 2020 at 06:37 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Linda Tanner Strotzman - September 05, 2020 at 03:41 PM

JF

“ PJ, Kelley and Megan,
I am so sorry for your loss! Your mom was an amazing woman and I am sure she is holding your Dad's hand in heaven. May she RIP.
Love,
Joseph and Christine Fills and family

Joseph Fills - September 05, 2020 at 02:52 PM

LS

“ I am devastated to learn of Peggy's death. I was in the process of trying to reach her for the 50th anniversary of our graduating with our master's degrees in medical-surgical nursing from the University of Michigan in 1970 when I came upon this notice. Peggy and I shared an apartment together the second year of the program and we conducted a joint research project together. For that research I lived with Peggy and her mother in their home on the Maumee River as we conducted research at a Toledo hospital--the summer of 1969. We corresponded with each other each year at Christmas. I will come down for visitation and hope to meet all the family then. Blessings upon you all during this time of your loss. Linda Strotzman

Linda Tanner Strotzman - September 05, 2020 at 02:20 PM