



Peggy Marshall Thomas

October 26, 1960 - September 29, 2020

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 12PM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020 TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.

Peggy Marshall Thomas, age 59 of Lewes, DE, passed away on Tuesday, September 29, surrounded by her loving family, after a brief, but intense battle against cancer. She was born on October 26, 1960 in Akron, OH, daughter of Richard Kalman and the late Marilyn (Woody) Jackson.

Peggy was an amazing mom, lawyer, and photographer, who always gave her best to whatever she undertook. She graduated from the University of California, Irvine and earned her Juris Doctor at Villanova University School of Law. She received a Master's in Corporate Law and Finance from Widener University School of Law. Beginning in 1986, she served as a Deputy Attorney General in the Criminal Division of the Delaware Department of Justice. Peggy served as Chief Prosecutor in Sussex County from 2013 until her retirement in 2016, the first woman attorney to serve 30 years in the Department of Justice. Following her retirement, she worked as legal counsel to the Republican caucus of the State House of Representatives and served as Vice Chair of the Executive Committee of the Sussex County Region of the Delaware Republican Party.

Peggy was a successful and accomplished prosecutor. She earned the respect of her colleagues and the trust of law enforcement and the courts as well as of the victims, whose cases she fairly and effectively prosecuted.

Peggy was as tenacious in the gym as well as in the courtroom and sometimes worked out twice in a day. She was engaged in the business and policies of the State and read the Wall Street Journal every day. She was a role model for young students through her participation in the High School Mock Trial competition, and regularly hosted students from Sussex Technical High School in the Sussex office of the Department of Justice as interns.

Peggy was also a photography enthusiast, taking impressive pictures of natural scenes and wildlife, especially birds. She and Craig would often bike through local parks and look to capture a special glimpse into nature.

Of all Peggy's accomplishments, her real joy was her family. She relished celebrating her children's successes and sharing her many "motherisms". Peggy had an infectious laugh that could bring a smile to everyone's face at family gatherings. She was a joy to them and will be dearly missed.

In addition to her mother, Peggy was preceded in death by her sister, Jeni Mading. She is survived by her husband, Craig Thomas; her daughters: Allison Hageman and Lindsay Hageman (Sherri); her son, Kevin Hageman; her stepsons: Michael Thomas and John Thomas; her father, Richard Kalman (Branka); her stepfather, Harold Jackson; her brother, Rick Kalman (Pam); her sisters: Melody Perez (Joe) and Deborah Thomas (Jonathan); her grandson, Landon Hageman; and her beloved cat, Leo.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 11:00 AM, at The Crossing, 15183 Coastal Highway, Milton, DE, where friends may call beginning at 10:00 AM. An additional viewing will be held the night prior, Tuesday, October 6, 2020 from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE. Interment will follow the funeral services at St. Peter's Cemetery, Pilottown Road, Lewes, DE.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing protocols must be observed and masks must be worn by everyone participating in any aspect of the services.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.

Events

OCT **First Viewing** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel
16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, US, 19958

OCT **Viewing** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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The Crossing
15183 Coastal Highway, Lewes, DE, US, 19958

OCT **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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The Crossing
15183 Coastal Highway, Lewes, DE, US, 19958

OCT **Graveside Service**

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St. Peter's Cemetery
Pilottown Road, Lewes, DE, US

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium - October 06, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ I met Peggy in 2017. I was struck by her tenacity and dedication to the law, Delaware and her family. We are all poorer for her passing. Our condolences her family.

David Gilefski - October 17, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ My condolences, thoughts and prayers are with with you. Barbara Macfie

Barbara Anne Macfie - October 09, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Slideshow - New



Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium - October 08, 2020 at 11:01 AM



“ My favorite memory of Peggy took place when she visited us here in California. We attended the RockHarbour Church Easter service at the Pacific Amphitheater. Once the invitation to accept God's free gift of salvation through His Son Jesus was presented, Peggy raised her hand. What an awesome day in Heaven and Earth. I can only imagine the celebration in Heaven the day she stepped from this life into a face to face meeting with Jesus. Our loss, her gain. Save a place for us Peggy. We'll see you soon.
love Jonathan

Jonathan Thomas - October 06, 2020 at 10:33 PM



“ Peggy my dear friend, you were always my biggest cabi fan! Fashion and wine we enjoyed together..
I'll miss your beautiful smile and great sense of humor..
Tipsy Chics will miss you..
RIP my friend, until we toast again..
Prayers to you Craig, and all the family..



Jody Ryan - October 06, 2020 at 04:12 PM



“ Monica Coleman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Peggy Marshall Thomas.



Monica Coleman - October 06, 2020 at 02:39 PM



“ Forever blessed that our lives crossed for a time those many years ago. Rest in eternal grace and peace, Peg.

Byron de Arakal - October 05, 2020 at 10:51 PM



“ I am lighting this Red Candle in honor of Peggy for all that she did to help others throughout her short life on earth! The red candle symbolizes many things about Peggy, her passion for what she believed in, her love for others as she was a true caring friend to many who i got to know, respect and love... I will miss her smile, laugh and her unique & beautiful style!



Lynne Steel - October 05, 2020 at 09:58 PM



“ Warmly, Lynne Steel purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Peggy Marshall Thomas.



Lynne Steel - October 05, 2020 at 09:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peggy Marshall Thomas.



October 05, 2020 at 08:39 PM



“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Peggy's loved ones. When I met Peggy nearly 20+ years ago, she was a passionate prosecutor and victim advocate. We immediately hit it off, although we didn't always agree. Her friendly and open way made it easy to talk with her and we loved debating policy issues as well. We often talked about how difficult a job working in the justice system was, but it was a calling to Peggy and she loved public service. She recognized the sacrifice involved but was grateful to contribute her many talents. She had a deep commitment to the law and justice, and the ability to lead others to be the best they could be. Peggy was also a supportive friend with sage advice when you needed it. I will miss seeing her around Leg Hall, and the generous gift of her photos of nature on Facebook. I will hold onto those memories fondly. May the loving and joyful memories provide comfort to all who knew and loved Peggy. Yours truly, Mariann Kenville-Moore



Mariann Kenville-Moore - October 05, 2020 at 03:35 PM



“ Sussex County Republican Committee purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Peggy Marshall Thomas.



Sussex County Republican Committee - October 05, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ 11 files added to the album Memories Album



Richard Kalman - October 04, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ Craig and family, so sorry for your loss. So enjoyed the happy hours, trip to Key West and your wedding. You have an angel looking over you.
Michael & Lynn Truitt



Lynn Truitt - October 03, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy Marshall Thomas.



October 03, 2020 at 02:32 PM



“ You will be missed. We will cherish all our memories over the years. Thank you for attempting to teach me how to drive a stick shift in your VW Beetle. You were a great teacher but I was a horrible student. Although I did make you laugh a lot so mission accomplished. Love you Sis. Xoxo Little Debbie



Debbie Thomas - October 03, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ I love all three of you beautiful ladies. You will be missed Auntie

Alisa Thomas - October 03, 2020 at 01:23 PM



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Rick Kalman - October 03, 2020 at 10:46 AM



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Rick Kalman - October 03, 2020 at 10:44 AM



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Rick Kalman - October 03, 2020 at 10:31 AM



“ Byron De Arakal lit a candle in memory of Peggy Marshall Thomas



Byron de Arakal - October 03, 2020 at 08:16 AM



“ I met Peggy at McPherson Jr. High in the fall of 1974. She excelled in every endeavor...in the classroom, on the playing field and as a cheerleader. She had the drive. I saw her recently at our 40th High School Reunion and found out what she had accomplished in that time. A long and successful career in Law for the State of Delaware, a run for Attorney General and time to raise a family along the way. That's a life well lived. Quality over quantity. My condolences to her entire circle of family, friends and others she has touched. Rah! Rah!

Frank Torok - October 02, 2020 at 06:27 PM



“ I meant Peggy when she was in the attorney generals office as a prosecutor and I was a defense attorney. We handled many cases together and she was always a fair minded attorney. Our memorable case was the murder conviction of James Allen Red Dog whom Peggy prosecuted and I defended. We were both witnesses at his execution. May peace be with you Peggy and your family

Edward Pankowski - October 02, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ Edward Pankowski lit a candle in memory of Peggy Marshall Thomas



Edward Pankowski - October 02, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Peggy Marshall Thomas.



October 02, 2020 at 01:47 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Peggy Marshall Thomas.



October 02, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Peggy Marshall Thomas.



October 02, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ Craig, i'm so sorry to hear of your wife's passing. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Dot Stanton Wintermantel

Dot Wintermantel - October 02, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ So sorry, my thoughts are with the family, peace and love, Micheal Godfrey

Micheal Godfrey - October 02, 2020 at 09:39 AM



“ Deepest Condolences, Molly & Tam Fuard purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Peggy Marshall Thomas.



Deepest Condolences, Molly & Tam Fuard - October 02, 2020 at 09:15 AM



“ Craig - we only met Peggy once, but could tell that she was a wonderful person. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and the entire family. May your memories bring you comfort. Love- Carolyn and Dief

Carolyn Diefenderfer - October 02, 2020 at 07:59 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Peggy Marshall Thomas.



October 01, 2020 at 11:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peggy Marshall Thomas.



October 01, 2020 at 08:31 PM



“ Melody Perez lit a candle in memory of Peggy Marshall Thomas



Melody Perez - October 01, 2020 at 08:27 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy Marshall Thomas.



October 01, 2020 at 08:20 PM



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Melody Perez - October 01, 2020 at 08:14 PM



“ Sending hugs to you, Allison and Kevin. We know your mom was so proud of you. There are no words, but you have wonderful memories to hold onto. Our thoughts are with you...Mark & Patti Hocker

patricia hocker - October 01, 2020 at 06:00 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Peggy Marshall Thomas.



October 01, 2020 at 04:50 PM



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Sherri Hageman - October 01, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ Love you always - Dad and Branka purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Peggy Marshall Thomas.



Love you always - Dad and Branka - October 01, 2020 at 04:09 PM



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Richard Kalman - October 01, 2020 at 03:55 PM



“ A beautiful young life has passed from our sight, but never from our hearts. Dad

Richard Kalman - October 01, 2020 at 04:00 PM



“ She is so beautiful both inside and out.

Sherri Hageman - October 01, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ My mother-in-law was a force to be reckoned with. I admired her both personally and professionally. She loved me with a quietness I always felt. My one wish is that she knew how much I loved her back.

I will never stop idolizing you, Peggy. Thank you for being an amazing mother to my wife and GMA to our son. God bless.



Sherri Hageman - October 01, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peggy Marshall Thomas.



October 01, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ Laurel Braunstein purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Peggy Marshall Thomas.



Laurel Braunstein - October 01, 2020 at 03:06 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Peggy Marshall Thomas.



October 01, 2020 at 02:02 PM



“ Fondly recalling her many contributions to our community. She is sorely missed.

Love,
Aimee Wiest

Aimee Wiest - October 01, 2020 at 01:52 PM