



Dorothy "Peggy" Braat

March 27, 2018

She was born on June 17, 1923 in Hamilton, Ontario. She was a graduate of the Niagara Falls, New York High School and Hope College in Holland, Michigan. She started post-graduate work in Physiology at the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign. She married Ken Burke in the late 1940's and had a son Colin and a daughter Anne before her husband's death in 1954. She eventually remarried John Braat who had three children of his own (Doug, Jennifer, and Wendy) in 1956. She and John had twin boys Will and Steve to round out their combined families.

In addition to being the Mother of seven children, Peggy was an active member of the community in Pearl River, NY, Montvale, NJ, and eventually Harvard, MA where she lived for 45 years. She was an active church member at her beloved St. Andrew's, occasional substitute teacher, and member of PEO, garden club, book clubs, and the church choir. She was a docent at Fruitlands Museum in Harvard for many years. She was also a somewhat reluctant first mate but enthusiastic chef and bartender on many sailing trips. The common thread through all her activity was her social nature and ability to forge relationships that lasted for years.

Peggy is survived by her daughters Wendy and Anne, sons Doug, Colin, Will, and Steve, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Peggy was preceded in death by her husband John and daughter Jennifer.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Mrs Braat was a kind neighbor lady and a good friend to my mother. I remember as kids when Jennifer and Doug didn't speak English and I didn't speak Dutch, but somehow we were able to play together anyway. The Braats were a nice family to have as neighbors and we were sorry to see them move to New Jersey after my dad died. RIP Mrs. Braat.*

betsy bodnaruk - April 22, 2023 at 02:56 PM

DE

“ *When I came to town as a young woman, my husband & I knew no one in the area, coming in from Washington DC. I will never forget Peggys dear warmth & connection with me through the HGarden Club, she went above & beyond to make me & my family feel included! What a dear soul, at the time I had no idea how big a family she had herself! She will always remain a beautiful wonderful person in my life / our lives .. and I hold her in my heart that way forever! God Bless You Peggy & Family! Sincerely Daria&Blaise&Family!*

Daria Eckert - April 17, 2018 at 04:47 AM

BM

“ *Sending blessings your way, Your mother rests in God's arms now. May you be comforted by Holy Spirit.*

Brenda mcDonald - April 04, 2018 at 12:06 PM

QA

“ Sorry for your loss, please accept my condolence. I know it is very hard to loss love one, may God gives you patient on your loss

Qasmi - April 04, 2018 at 06:15 AM

EW

“ I will miss our visits. She was remarkable in every way. What an honor and a pleasure to have known her. Go with God dear, beautiful, Peggy.

Elena Woodworth - April 03, 2018 at 09:35 AM

RH

“ Our deepest sympathy to our cousins. Peg was so supportive at the time of our Joyce's (her sister's) passing.

Richard and Stephanie Holmes - April 02, 2018 at 08:18 PM

DZ

“ Peggy was a gracious presence at St Andrew's. She made us feel welcome and at home. We will miss her lovely soprano voice on Sunday mornings. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

David and Julie Zeiler - April 02, 2018 at 10:44 AM

CF

“ My sympathies to all the cousins on the loss of your mother, auntie Peggy.

Cathy Franciol - April 01, 2018 at 07:40 PM

KH

“ I am saddened to read of the loss of your dear loved one, please accept my condolences during this painful time. It is my hope that your family can find comfort in Revelation 21:3,4.

K Hunter - March 31, 2018 at 05:17 AM

MD

“ March 30, 2018
Such sad news! I only knew Peggy for my 15 years in Harvard but we enjoyed a warm friendship from the beginning. I will miss her greatly and am so very sorry that I have to miss her memorial service while I will be in Europe.
My sympathy to the family I will miss hugging.
Maria Day

Maria Day - March 31, 2018 at 04:23 AM

JW

“ I feel blessed to have known Peggy from church, she was a very inspirational individual. I only wish I could have known her longer. I send my thoughts and prayers to the entire family. Peace.

Janet White - March 30, 2018 at 01:25 PM

LM

“ My deepest sympathy to Peggy's family...She was a wonderful woman and I was so lucky to get to know her during her time at RiverCourt Residences.
She will be missed dearly.
Laurie Morency

Laurie Morency - March 29, 2018 at 11:42 AM