



Margaret "Peggy" L. Ensor

May 1, 1946 - February 27, 2022

Margaret "Peggy" L. (Chereski) Ensor, 75, passed peacefully at home on Sunday, February 27, 2022, after a fierce battle with cancer. Peggy passed away surrounded by love and holding hands with her daughters.

Born in Keene, NH on May 1, 1946, to the late John and Margaret (Pebler) Chereski, Peggy grew up in a close-knit neighborhood in Florence. She loved ice skating at Arcanum Field and riding her bike to Look Park for a swim. A member of Northampton High School's class of 1964, she was a multi-sport varsity athlete, a member of the Art Club, and has since been involved with planning reunions and class efforts to support NHS student scholarships.

Peggy's adventurous spirit was well-known. She loved to travel and made friends wherever she visited and lived across the country. Our memories of Peggy are memories of her in action. Riding her motorcycle down a California highway with her long braid dancing in the wind. Sending french fries back at restaurants because they weren't burnt enough. Laughing with her two daughters, four grandchildren, and five great grandchildren over Friendly's Jim Dandy sundaes.

Aside from her family, Peggy's life-long passion was sewing. She started sewing as a child and became an expert from whom artisans sought guidance for design and construction. She made costumes for dance and stage

productions, and clothes and quilts for loved ones as well as making countless brides look stunning in custom gowns on their wedding day. You have probably seen her work at craft fairs and art galleries all over the Pioneer Valley.

Peggy taught sewing at Hill Institute, to 4-H clubs, Girl Scout troops and to all who wanted to learn. Peggy's professional accolades were numerous, but she was most proud of breaking the glass ceiling and becoming the first woman to manage a Singer sewing machine store in the US. She received a gold men's watch for earning the top sales in the country. Singer did not yet make a watch for women, so she gifted the watch to her father. Peggy could take apart and rebuild any sewing machine, saving antique machines for the next generation. Her passions also included gardening for which she won "best curb appeal" at her Virginia home and baking highly decorated specialty cakes. Her many talents and years of volunteerism are too numerous to mention.

Besides her parents, John and Margaret Chereski; she was also predeceased by her husband Leonard Ensor, and sister-in-law Deborah Chereski.

She is survived by her daughters: Holly (Cooper) Martineau and Amy (Cooper) Corbett. She considered her sons-in-law, Steven Martineau and Luke Corbett her sons and bragged to everyone who would listen how helpful they were to her. Peggy's granddaughters: Brianna (Martineau) McCormick, Savannah Phillips, Hayley (Phillips) Moriarty and Allie Martineau will all miss their Grammy's quick wit and sass. Peggy counted five great grandchildren among her greatest blessings: Maxwell, Sophie, Ramona, Connor, and JJ. Peggy is also survived by her sister Angeline Chereski of NC, her brother John Chereski of Florence, aunt Angeline Pebler of NJ, several beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and countless friends she considered family.

Calling hours are on Friday, March 4, 2022, from 10-11:30 AM at the DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME, 120 Damon Rd., Northampton, followed by a

Celebration of her Life with family and friends.

Peggy's daughters' ask in lieu of flowers gifts be made to Look Park, 300 N Main St, Florence, MA 01062, please note the gift is in memory of Peggy Chereski Ensor.

For more information or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit Drozdalfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Calling Hour

MAR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home
120 Damon Rd
Northampton, MA 01060
(413) 584-5306
<https://drozdalfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall

AC

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Angie chereski - March 09, 2022 at 11:02 PM

LS

“ *What a beautiful tribute to a very talented lady. My sincere condolences to you all.*

Linda Shea - March 02, 2022 at 01:07 PM

EB

“ *What would my childhood have been without Peggy and her family-- the excitement at Christmastime foraging for greens in the woods nearby her house to make wreaths, delighting at Aunt Margaret's sumptuous, homemade Christmas cookies and the treasure chest of toys sent by Auntie Angie; Halloween carving pumpkins, and scouring way too many neighborhoods for loot that would last for months; big family picnics in summer at Look Park, with a grand finale in the huge Park pool.*

My first wild ride with a peer, in her car when she got her drivers license--to the tune of "Peggy Sue!" (I thought they were playing it for her!)

Later in years, sitting on my sofa, stuffing problems in a nutshell and heaving them to the winds in a laugh riot. Rapport was never this good--her huge heart and razor-sharp wit never diminished over the years and, after a big gap in time, we could always pick up exactly where we had left off--as if we had never left that sofa.

Creative genius, her art was unique like her, but now a part of everything--like her.

Elaine Brix - March 02, 2022 at 02:45 AM



Though we only spoke on the phone recently, I remember her from my childhood days with the (Joseph) Chereskie's. Sad to hear of her passing. May her memory bring peace and joy to those who loved her.

Maureen Cadigan - June 03, 2022 at 01:50 PM



Is anyone in touch with the Pulaski/Sheahan's in Colorado?

Maureen Cadigan - June 03, 2022 at 01:52 PM

JT

“ Joyful greetings, warm hugs and happy conversations every single time I was lucky enough to spend time with her. Sending light and love to everyone who knew her.

Jayne Thomas - March 01, 2022 at 06:20 PM

EZ

“ Peggy always had a great smile and a twinkle in her eye...never one without the other. She had a good personality and was always fun to be around. Rest in peace my friend. Eydie Allen Zive

Eydie Allen Zive - March 01, 2022 at 04:16 PM

KA

Peggy was truly one of the most accomplished, talented women I ever knew. We enjoyed many 6 am tennis games and she always had great stories to share.

Karen Ahearn - March 01, 2022 at 04:53 PM

JD

“ Always had a smile that would make everyone smile back. We going to miss her..

John L DeRose - March 01, 2022 at 04:15 PM

D.

“ REMembering the joy of HER throughout the years.

D.DeRose - March 01, 2022 at 01:38 PM