



Margaret Pearce Svoboda

November 24, 1938 - October 31, 2021

Mrs. Margaret Pearce Svoboda passed away peacefully October 31, 2021 at the age of 82.

The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 3-4 PM. There will be a private burial at Andersonville National Cemetery.

Peggy was born November 24, 1938 in Morristown, NJ, to Franklin Kenneth Pearce and Gladys Tumpore Pearce. Her family moved to Albany when she was 16, and she graduated from Albany High School in 1956. She attended Wesleyan College in Macon, GA and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in History in 1960. She received her Master's Degree in history the following summer, from Duke University.

She came home to Albany and taught 7th grade at Macintosh. It was during this time that she met the love of her life, Lt. Robert "Bob" Svoboda, a young, dashing Air Force pilot stationed at Turner, AFB. Peggy relished her life as an Air Force wife and took delight in every move. The family lived in Pensacola, FL, Plattsburg, NY, and Ramstein AFB, Germany (where they took every opportunity to travel across Europe in a VW Station Wagon). Once they returned stateside, they continued their moves with stations to Scott, AFB, IL, Prattville, AL, Newport, RI, Dover, DE, and Andrews, AFB where Robert

served as Vice Commander, and Peggy worked as a diplomat at the Convention Center in Washington, DC.

After being widowed in 1986, Peggy returned to Albany, where she prayed for the Lord to use her service to others. She was instrumental in starting the local Habitat for Humanity, was a dedicated volunteer for Meals on Wheels, was a member of the Albany Women's Club, The Daffodil Garden Club, The Charity League of Albany, and an active member of Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church with her circle of cherished friends. She was a lifelong Braves fan and would have enjoyed seeing her team advance to the World Series. Her greatest joy was being a grandmother of five, and she was affectionately known as "GG."

She is preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her brother, Franklin K. Pearce of Orient Point, Long Island, and her beloved baby sister and best friend, Jeanne Pearce Wileen of Albany.

She is survived by her daughters: Susan Svoboda Simmons (Kent) of Albany, Stephanie Svoboda Bradley, of Greeley, CO; her granddaughters: Emily Simmons, and Abigail Pearce Simmons, and her grandsons, Stephen Robert Bradley, Spencer Christian Bradley (Brittany), and Samuel Luke Bradley.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Meals on Wheels, C/O SOWEGA Council on Aging, 355 W. Society Ave., Albany, GA 31701, or Albany Habitat for Humanity, 2515 Old Dawson Rd., Albany, GA 31707.

Cemetery Details

Andersonville National Cemetery

496 Cemetery Rd
Andersonville, GA 31711

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Tribute Wall

LG

“ Fifty years later she recalled that I'd always greeted her at school with “Hello, pretty, perky Peggy Pearce”. She certainly was that; I'm so sorry she's gone.
Lloyd Goldstein

Lloyd Goldstein - November 04, 2021 at 10:47 PM

SS

That is so awesome. She was always pretty and so perky! Thank you so much for sharing this PERFECT memory!

Susan Simmons - November 07, 2021 at 10:09 AM

SS

Awesome! She was always so pretty and perky! Thank you for sharing this PERFECT memory! Love this....

Susan Simmons - November 07, 2021 at 10:10 AM

BR

“ I just wanted to extend my deep sympathy to you Susan and rest of family. Your mother was a sweet lady. I always enjoyed picking her and miss Simmons up for their appointments. They always wanted to take the long route home. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers. Yours Truly, Beth Rouse

Beth Rouse - November 03, 2021 at 04:52 PM

SS

Thank you Beth! She loved Kent, the office, and all of you so very much!

Susan Simmons - November 07, 2021 at 10:11 AM

CT

“ Your mother was a beautiful soul and great friend to my Mom (Carol Bentley) and Grandfather (L.I. Grimsley). Prayers as you mourn her loss and warm thoughts as you remember her legacy. No doubt her and Jeanne are having a reunion party. Love from Tennessee, Chandle (Bentley) Turbyville and Family

Chandle Turbyville - November 02, 2021 at 04:35 PM

CB

Prays for peace and comfort at this time. Your Aunt Jeanne and I bonded in Brownies. Your mom and your grandparents completed it. I am flooded with warm memories of that time followed by your parents dating, marriage, and their two sweet babies. Sending loving hugs and prayers to you, Stephanie and your families. Heaven is rejoicing with another angel.

Love, Carol (Grimsley) Bentley-Nicolosi & family

Carol Bentley-Nicolosi - November 02, 2021 at 08:28 PM

CB

Thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort to you - Susan, Stephanie and your families. Your Aunt Jeanne and I bonded as Brownies, followed by your sweet mom and grandparents. I considered them my 2nd family. Of course this was followed by your parents dating, marriage and two precious baby girls. They loved you dearly. I am flooded with so many sweet memories. Rejoicing to know that Heaven has gained another beautiful angel. Sending loving hugs and prayers.

Love, Carol (Grimsley) Bentley-Nicolosi and family

Carol Bentley-Nicolosi - November 02, 2021 at 08:40 PM