



Margaret "Peggy" Lewis

December 5, 1943 - October 19, 2020

Born in Buffalo, NY, on December 5, 1943, Margaret (Peggy) Adams Lewis learned early from her Latin teacher mother, Ruth, and farmer father, Douglas, what hard work was. At a young age, she raised and sold her own vegetables and helped gather eggs from their hundreds of chickens. She was never afraid of a shovel, a chainsaw, or a list of chores and responsibilities.

An excellent student, she attended Florida Southern College to study ministry and education. She served her years of ministry as a Children's, Christian Education, and Administrative pastor at Highland Park Nazarene for over 20 years. She also focused her love for youth in English and yearbook classes in Polk County Schools. She and the love of her life, Richard Lewis, each supported the other's endeavors as complete partners.

Her greatest accomplishments include her lifelong love for God, her husband, her two daughters, and her many beloved grandchildren for whom she would have sacrificed anything.

A consummate list maker, admirer of a well-placed Oxford comma, and a loyal friend to multitudes who became her family, Peggy was known for her encouragement, witty humor, and boundless energy. Christmas will not be the same without one of her letters received in the mail.

She is preceded in death by husband, Richard Lewis, of Lakeland, FL. She is survived by her daughters, Kim George, husband Anthony, and sons Andrew and Jonathan of Waco, TX; Kelly Hunt, husband William and children Parker, Jacob, Amy, and Aaron of Gainesville, FL. She is also survived by brother,

Bruce Adams, and wife, Delores (Chick), of Sarasota, FL, many nieces and nephews, and two dear sisters-in law.

Due to COVID concerns for those of high health risk and for the patients Kelly serves daily, a celebration of life will be held this spring or summer.

In lieu of flowers due to no formal ceremonies, Peggy's wishes were that donations be made to charities the grandchildren selected, as Peggy encouraged her grandchildren in each of their passions:

IPF Foundation <https://ipffoundation.org/>

Ocean Conservancy <https://oceanconservancy.org/>

Dysautonomia International <http://www.dysautonomiainternational.org/>

The Trevor Project <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/>

KIND (Kids in Need of Defense) <https://supportkind.org/>

Critical Role Foundation <https://critrole.com/foundation/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret "Peggy" Lewis*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - October 24, 2020 at 07:37 AM



“ *Margaret "Peggy" Lewis*

November 17, 2022 at 10:14 AM

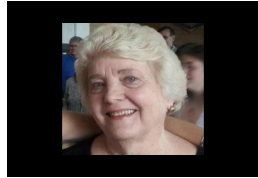
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“ Yes, remembering Peggy Adams (later Mrs. Richard Lewis)...my roommate at Florida Southern College in Lakeland from 1963 to 1965. We both transferred there in September, 1963, from the Junior Colleges we attended in our hometowns...hers, Manatee in Bradenton, and mine, Central Florida in Ocala. After our parents left us, we decided we needed furnishings for our room. Off we hiked over to South Florida Avenue to downtown Lakeland and then literally "lugged" our new bedding covers, rugs, etc. all the way back! Needless to say, "We were pooped"! Not long afterward we discovered a shorter way to town by going northwest through the back streets around Lake Morton and not west and then north! Oh, well! She went to her classes, and I went to mine, but usually at meal times we fellowshiped with other friends in the cafeteria. We lived in the Tri-Sigma Sorority House in an outside room of the Panhellenic Building overlooking Lake Hollingsworth. Most Sundays found us worshipping at College Heights UMC where later Peggy did an internship working with youth under the direction and guidance of Mrs. Warren Willis. In the following years I looked forward to December 1 because in our mail box would be a Christmas card with an inspirational family newsletter!. I give thanks for Peggy's friendship and thank God for the example she set for all of us. Much love and sympathy to you, Kim, Kelly and your families as you remember and grieve her homegoing. I will always remember her kindness and generosity towards everyone she met.
Betty Jo (Bailey) Philips, Sparr, Florida

Betty Jo (Bailey) Philips - November 09, 2020 at 06:18 AM

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Gentry Morrison - October 23, 2020 at 12:25 PM

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Very inspiring! Praise God!

Leah Lewis - October 25, 2020 at 08:42 AM

JP

Thanks to all of you for sharing Peggy's last words. She was a wonderful lady who impacted all who knew here in Waynesville at First Baptist Church. My husband John was in her SS class. This was an important time in his life as it was his last SS class. His comments were always that Peggy was a great teacher. She created a sweet fellowship that will not always be remembered for her teaching but a fellowship of adults who enjoyed life and loved each other. We were all sad when she moved away but we knew her heart was with family. My prayer is that all of you will know how much she was loved no matter where she lived. "Bloom where you are planted no matter what!". She definitely lived that saying!!! Love you all! Judy Pettigrew

Judy Pettigrew - October 25, 2020 at 06:46 PM

KG

Thank you, Judy, for sharing your story. She loved all of you in her S.S. class. She talked about all of you frequently. I appreciate your words.

Kim George - October 28, 2020 at 03:28 PM