



Peggy Fletcher

June 17, 1934 - January 22, 2019

Peggy's Last Peaceful Protest

On January 22, 2019, after 53 days of hospitalization and attempts at rehab, Peggy finally protested the multitude of bitter pills, the constant repositioning, the breathing machines, the hollow needles. She let the nurse know she worried she would disappoint her children, protesting curative care. We assured Mom we just wanted her to be good with her own decisions. Lincoln once said that "in the end it's not the years in the life but the life in the years." And Mom asked for hospice.

Peggy still brought smiles and laughs to her caregivers during these last days. A nurse asked her if she would like a transport that day to Evergreen Hospice in Albany, Peggy replied "Well, I can't hike there." It was her day to call the shots, and that night she wanted a Block 15 "Sticky Hands" in her hand.

The morning of January 22, holding the hands of her daughters, Peggy's spirit took that last hike to those she so dearly missed in her life: Patrice Christine Fletcher (her 4th child a beautiful and feisty soul gone too soon at the age of 18); Michael Philpott (close family friend, Peggy's son's best friend, also gone too soon while serving in the Army Rangers); Catherine (Kay) Brigham (Peggy's brave younger sister who fought a long battle with Multiple Sclerosis and also passed early); Lee Ascough (Peggy's father a kind, gentle, quiet but witty man); Timothy Smith (Peggy's partner and love of her life, mischievous with a big heart); Madge E. Ascough (Peggy's spirited, matriarchal mother); Eddie Wohlstattar (her sweet, talented son-in-law, loving husband to Peggy's youngest daughter, and father of Peggy's 2 beautiful granddaughters); Stanley Lee Ascough (her caring younger brother). A gathering to envy.

Peggy Louise Ascough was born in Los Angeles in 1934, the first in four children born to Madge and Lee, followed by Stan, Kay, and Barbara. She attended the all-girls Catholic School Immaculate Heart, both high school and college. She earned her B.S. in Biological Science and Chemistry. She married David Fletcher, and after 7 years, 5 children, and 5

moves, Peggy left her abusive husband, moving with children into her parents' home, and started working full time. Peggy worked both in clinical and research at a small county hospital named John Wesley. Wesley's medical oncology moved to "County General" at Los Angeles County - University of Southern California Medical Center, where she ran a stat lab for the Oncology Infusion Unit. Peggy's work for 34 years as a clinical laboratory scientist allowed her children tuition remission for degrees at USC. Between 1990 and 1999, Peggy worked a second job at Kaiser Permanente. In the year 2000, after Peggy's mother Madge died, Peggy retired and moved to Oregon to be closer to her children and grandchildren.

In her years in Oregon, Peggy participated in many peaceful protests, an active member of many political groups, but her heart was always with the Raging Grannies. Peggy leaves behind many family and friends who all loved her dearly, who best remember her smiles and love for dancing.

A celebration of Peggy's life will be held at Squirrel's Tavern on 2nd and Monroe, Corvallis Oregon, at 2 pm February 24th

Comments



“ Happy Birthday, Mom! I am trying to pull in all my Peggy Power and turn my loss into some kind of gain today. I miss you.



Terry Fletcher - June 17, 2019 at 05:45 PM



“ My friend Julia Lont designed this button for the Celebration of Life. I had 200 made. I have some still if anyone wants some please email me terryfletcher2008@gmail.com and I will mail you some!

Terry - June 17, 2019 at 05:47 PM



“ I knew Peggy for years, both at John Wesley Hospital and LA County-USC Medical Center. To work with her was a joy. She had a rare combination of technical competence and a big heart, with a sense of humor as well. She was our hematology tech on the Medical Oncology Service. Patients loved and respected her, which is the highest accolade. Making cancer patients' hospital stay a bit more pleasant will, I believe, gain her many points in that big ledger where all our deeds are recorded. Rest well, Peggy, you've earned it. David C. Stolinsky, MD.

David C. Stolinsky, MD - April 08, 2019 at 12:48 AM



“ Thank you so much for sharing this, Dr. Stolinsky

Terry - June 17, 2019 at 05:21 PM



“ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q_ntgTFyP5E

Terry Fletcher - February 11, 2019 at 09:42 PM



“ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWdETYqGdYo>

Terry Fletcher - February 11, 2019 at 09:29 PM



“ From Ruth in an email, So pleased that I was able to see Peggy on Sunday. Karen, thank you for calling me when you did.

I don't use facebook so please let me know when her memorial will be. Peggy was kind, and generous. I have many things and good memories to remember her.

I know it's been a difficult few months for all of you; please take care.
love ruth

Terry Fletcher - February 11, 2019 at 08:43 AM



“ From Nick in an email, We are all sad to hear of the passing of Peggy. She was one of our original supporters, and it was always a treat to have her join us in our restaurant. She added joy to our lives as well. I fondly remember her riding her tricycle down and enjoying brunch on our patio. She was such a genuine person, and had so many wonderful stories to share.

We are sorry for your loss. If there is anything I can do for you, and your family please let me know.

Terry Fletcher - February 11, 2019 at 08:41 AM



“ From Dolly in an email, Thank you for letting us know. We very much appreciated the support Peggy gave to the Friends of the Library through her volunteer work over the years.

Our deepest sympathies for your loss.

Volunteer Coordinators
Friends of the Corvallis-Benton County Library

Terry Fletcher - February 11, 2019 at 08:39 AM



“ From Dianne in an email, What a beautiful obituary! Thank you for notifying me. I am very sad to hear of Peggy's passing. She was a kind and caring person. I'm glad to have known Peggy. I wish we could have take those trips overseas that we often talked about.

I would absolutely be there for the memorial if I weren't 1,200 miles away. I will be thinking about Peggy.

Best to you,
Dianne

Terry Fletcher - February 11, 2019 at 08:38 AM



“ From Lynne in an email. Thank you for reaching out to as many people as possible. I met your mom at County USC in 1994. She & Tim were great friends & we spent time in Laguna Beach & Maui together. We lost touch just before Tim died, but reconnected a few years ago. We met up when I came to Portland for a gathering & then when Peggy attended a gathering @ USC. Heartfelt condolences to you & your entire family.

Terry Fletcher - February 11, 2019 at 08:36 AM



“ I will always miss Peggy's smiling face at lunch time. She was really a sweetheart!
Donna Reishus

Donna Reishus - February 08, 2019 at 03:41 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Thanksgiving 2001



Karen Herold - February 03, 2019 at 08:00 PM



“ Please come help us celebrate Peggy's life on February 24, 2 PM at Squirrel's Tavern. Contact us if you need a ride!
<https://www.facebook.com/events/386160835503792/>

Terry Fletcher - January 31, 2019 at 10:15 PM



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Terry Fletcher - January 31, 2019 at 06:34 PM