



Margaret "Peg" Donaghy

April 14, 1942 - April 26, 2026

Margaret "Peg" Donaghy died Sunday, April 26, 2026 from complications due to kidney disease. She was born on April 14, 1942 in Huntington Station, Long Island, NY to Anne and James Kennedy. She met the love of her life, Jackie Trobia, while working together at Paul Road School in Chili, NY. They married in 1981, and renewed their vows in 2010 when Massachusetts became one of the first states to recognize same sex marriage. She organized a union of support staff workers in the Gates Chili School District and served as president, and later became school librarian at School 29 in Rochester. She always lifted up those around her and treated everyone with the dignity she believed was due to all. She didn't have much tolerance, though, for those she thought were "too big for their britches." She was kind, generous, and a little salty, too. After Jackie died in 2014, she devoted much of her free time to making greeting cards, many of which she donated to local organizations. She was also active in the Genetaska club, a women's group which fundraises for local charities. She leaves three children, Dara, Delia and John, three grandchildren, Randi, Emily, and Brandon, and a great-grandson Cash, who was her delight.

At Peg's request, services will be private for the family.

Tribute Wall

JE

“ Losing Peg leaves an empty chair in our book club circle, but her spirit will always be with us—in the conversations she sparked and the friendships she nurtured. May her family find comfort in knowing how much she meant to us. Jean Feuchter

Jean - May 08 at 09:23 AM

AT

“ For years Peg made the most incredible birthday cards for Rainbow Seniors ROC. Many isolated seniors would thank us, saying that her card was the only recognition of their birthdays they received, and how very much they appreciated it. In addition to her big heart, Peg was a delight to converse with. She was sharp, informed and touched with humor, which made her instantly likable. She will be missed.

Anne Tischer - May 04 at 10:47 PM

AM

“ Sorry to hear about peg. her son John was a friend of our son chuck macbride at bright oaks dr. We would like to make contact with John. we can be reached at 585-594-5836. With sympathy, Jim & Ann Marie MacBride

Ann Marie MacBride - May 03 at 05:28 PM

DG

“ I met Peg through Jackie. Jackie was my 5th grade teacher at Paul Rd. I loved Peg! For many years I had dinner with Jackie, and Peg when I came home. Peg was a beautiful soul. I will miss her Christmas cards. Rest easy my friend.

Debra Gross - May 03 at 11:01 AM

LS

“ Remembering Peg as a sweet lady who adored Randi, Brandon, Emily, and now little Cash.
When I think of Peg, I picture that beautiful smile.

Lynn Steltmann - May 03 at 08:40 AM



“ I knew Peg as our librarian at #29 school. She loved the children and always had wonderful ideas to attract them to read. She was a steady hand in a sometimes shaky ship. I loved working with her.

Anne Rodgers - May 03 at 06:56 AM

DL

“ Deb L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret "Peg" Donaghy.

Deb L. - May 02 at 07:00 AM

VP

“ I met Peg on our first day working at RCSD 29. A fast friendship began that day and has lasted since. She and Jackie were amazing and cared for so many. Peg will be missed but we know she and Jackie will be watching from above and keeping us in line.

Vici L PATANELLA - April 29 at 06:32 PM

DM

“ I knew Peg through Jackie, as Jackie and I worked together for a number of years at Gates-Chili. It was easy to recognize the love they had for each other. I admired Peg as being a down to earth person. My wife and I always enjoyed our get-togethers with the 2 of them. She will be greatly missed.
P.S.- say "hi" to Jackie for me.

Dick Molinaro - April 29 at 11:26 AM

JD

“ I will miss Peg's humor, her intelligence, her feistiness, and her strong conviction to fight injustice. May all of the loving memories sustain her dear friends and family through this time of sorrow.

Jeni DeMarco - April 29 at 09:24 AM

KD

“ So sad that you are gone. You were a wonderful Sister. Fond memories of you when we were kids. You were a great Mom and raised a beautiful family. May you and Jackie rest in eternal peace. You leave a hole in my heart. Love Kathleen & Bob

kathleen D'Amore - April 29 at 08:53 AM

BK

“ Always the best memories come to my mind about dear Aunt Peg. Her laughter was always infectious and when her children joined in just the best!!!
And she sure made everyone feel special.
Thinking of you all, much love, Brenda

Brenda Morristell Kunz - April 29 at 08:48 AM

RG

“ We have some very fond memories of Peg and Jackie over the years thanks to my sisters Tracy and Shirley who introduced us. May you rest in eternal peace with the love of your life Jackie! You will be missed at our family gatherings!
Love Dan and Robin Green

Robin Green - April 29 at 08:29 AM

AC

I met Peg through Genetaska. Such a nice lady who made such beautiful cards. She will be missed. My condolences to her family.

Audrey Catlin - April 29 at 04:50 PM

EC

As a Paul Road School parent and frequent substitute teacher I have many positive and pleasant memories of Peg and Jackie from way back. Our daughter Kathleen was in Peg's Girl Scout troop. For a potluck meal each scout was asked to bring a dish that reflected their ancestry. K drew the appetizer course.....with our shared Irish background Peg and I laughed trying to think of something.....maybe with potatoes? May your memories be a comfort. Eileen Cowley

Eileen Cowley - April 29 at 07:22 PM