



Frances B. Miller

September 5, 1925 - August 28, 2012

Frances "Peggy" Brittingham Miller, 86, died in her home in Prescott, AZ on Tuesday, August 27th. She was born on September 5, 1925 in Hampton, VA to A.W. Brittingham Sr. and Eula Fern Barton Brittingham. She attended Scarritt College in Nashville, TN and received a BA in Religious Education. In December of 1946 she married Harry K. Miller Jr. of Hummelstown, PA. While he earned his Masters and Doctorate she worked to support him. Over the course of their 65-year marriage, they moved 31 times and lived in eight states. During that time she served as the wife-of-the-president at the numerous colleges where her husband worked. She also was "the woman behind the great man" while Harry served as Director of the Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity. She is survived by her loving and beloved husband, her daughter Patricia "Pam" Miller Hogarth and granddaughter Oriana Belliveau Hogenson. She was predeceased by her son, Donald Bruce. She is also survived by numerous "children of the heart" from Kenya, Nigeria, Taiwan and Japan who lived in the Miller home while attending college in the U.S.

When she and Harry held their 60th wedding anniversary celebration in Prescott, they were required to hold two separate events to accommodate all of the attendees from around the globe and the county who wanted to express the profound effect the Millers had had on their lives. A celebration of her life will be held at The Center for Spiritual Living in Prescott on Saturday at 11am. Those who are unable to make the service may sign the online guest book at <http://www.sunrisefuneralhome.com>. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Willow Wind of the Good Samaritan Society. Please specify the Peggy Miller Memorial Fund.

Comments



“ I remember the first time that I met Aunt Peg and Uncle Harry, I was so inspired by the both of them! I was in awe of the people they were and the life that they had lived. So many have been blessed by them in so many ways with their kindness, love and experiences. They will be missed! My thoughts and prayers are with you!

Kim Miller
Asheville, NC

Kim Miller - March 05, 2014 at 09:19 AM



“ My sincere sympathies to Pam and all the family. Peggy was a joy to be around. I didn't have that much time with her before she couldn't play Bridge anymore, but the time I did have with her, she was an amazing, loving woman. One who loved a good laugh and could make you laugh also. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. God bless you.

Jan Donovan - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dr. Miller, I am sorry to hear of Peg's passing but will always remember her as the First Lady standing next to "her" President. We had some good years together. Love, Barbara

Barbara Rose - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



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Anna P. Parker - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ With much sadness for your loss, I extend my deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers. May you find peace, strength and comfort from good memories as you go through this most sorrowful and difficult time. May God bless you all.

MaryRuth McCann - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We certainly enjoyed knowing both Peg and Harry when we came to spend time with Gene's Dad who lived in Prescott. She was a sweet lady.

Gene and Velma Humphrey - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Harry: Just want you to know how much I loved Peggy and how much I love you. Even though, I haven't physically seen you for several years, you have both always been a true heart connection for me. I so appreciate all the two of you have done in your lives. I can't express how much you have both meant to me over the years. Much love and blessings to you. I know Peggy is now one of my special angels along with Nann and Helen. Bobbie Hein

Bobbie Hein - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Harry
News of the tragic loss of your beloved Peggy has just reached me. I know how much she meant to you and your family. There are no words to properly express the sorrow and sympathy I feel for you now. I also know that words, though comforting, cannot replace the memory.

Your tragedy brings back to mind the pain and grief I experienced when I lost my mother 8years ago. Somehow, with time, the pain has faded and now only the warm memories remain. I pray peace of mind comes to you soon.

Please convey my feelings to your family since I know this will all leave you closer now. Do not hesitate to call on me if there is some way in which I can help.

With warmest personal regards,
Yasu & Kaoru Kojima

Yasuyuki Kojima - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Peggy was always the gracious southern lady in our extended family. And yet she also had a keen mind and could debate you on many topics. Having traveled widely, she had a good perspective on world problems and a concern for those less fortunate. As my parents before me, I also enjoyed our visits, more frequent when my partner Sandy and I started going to Arizona as snowbirds in 2004. Nearly every year, we made a point of driving to Prescott to spend a day or two with Peg and Harry. Her life reminds me that it's important to be open to new ideas as we age, and to keep your sense of humor through trials. I will miss her a lot. We last talked in April, when we considered a trip up there, but she said Harry was not well enough so we did not make the trip. I will be with you in spirit at the service.

Lynn Anderson - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dr. Miller,

Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, I pray that the loving memories you hold near and dear to your heart, will help to comfort you during this difficult time.

Nancy Allan

Keystone College - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Pam,

Our deepest sympathies to you and your family for your loss. May you find the strength during this difficult time, and lean on your friends when needed.

We hope that you can feel our love from across the miles and know that we are here for you.

Love,
Your Look Effects Family

Look Effects, Inc. - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt Peg was a wonderful aunt and friend. I remember summer vacations at Keystone as a child, weekend visits to Michigan in late 70's when I was in Chicago area for seminary and a favorite vacation spot when I was first out of seminary and they were in Washington, DC. I felt privileged to "officiate" a renewal of wedding vows at their 60th wedding anniversary. She made the best southern fried chicken and I remember her every time I make chocolate pecan pie. She always made me feel special and taught me to stay open to new ideas and to think for myself. She is sadly missed, but know it was so very difficult to continue in such a frail existence after living such a full and abundant life.

Nancy Lois Miller - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We miss you Peggy. My memories of you are deep and forever and full of love and laughter.

Rochelle Watson - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Peggy, my friend, I know you are not "gone" but have moved on to another dimension where, one of these days in eternity, we will meet up and continue our friendship and good times.

Until then, much love, Joan

Joan R. Whittaker - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Peggy gave us some advice about men that I cannot repeat here nor will I ever forget. She was fun to be with and she will be missed. She and Harry were so supportive of our adoption of a child and helped make having a child a reality for these two men of 50 and 52 years. We are indebted and sorry we could not make it to her memorial. We shared many good years with her and Harry in challenging the mind set of the religious status quo at our church. Love you...Peggy.

Gene, Stuart, and Isaac - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember Peggy so fondly as a warm and kind person, with a great sense of humor! She always livened up the family gatherings decades ago, back on the East Coast! She will surely be missed by the many, many people she has touched.

Betsy Sandel - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Harry,

We are heartbroken to hear about Peggy's passing. She was such a sweetheart. And she would do anything you wanted. She so loved to please you. We will keep you in our prayers. If you feel up to it, please call my cell 570-885-6444.

We send our love,

Mary Lou and Jim Burne

Mary Lou & Jim Burne - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Lt. Harry Miller was my radio room boss and friend on the WWII attack cargo ship USS Vinton in the Pacific. Peggy and Harry were an important part of our own 1948 wedding in Connecticut. My wife Anne and I loved Peggy from the start; she always had a smile and a positive outlook, which made our several visits to their college homes a joy. Peggy was always a gracious hostess and fun to be with. It was our loss that distance and health kept Anne and me from their 60th wedding anniversary celebration. My dearest Anne is now without memory, so I shall speak for her and tell all the Miller family how grieved we both are for your loss. Please accept our sincere condolences and our love.

Anne & George Twitchell - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM