



## Margaret Lee Henriksen

August 8, 1931 - April 10, 2023

Margaret "Peggy" Boardman Henriksen

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Age 91, died April 10, 2023, New Brighton, MN. Preceded in death by beloved husband, Veryle; daughter, Juliann and son-in-law Jeff. Survived by children Kisten (Tim), David (Carolyn) and Lorraine (Tom); 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law Phyllis and Donna Rae; and many extended family members. Peggy met the love of her life, Veryle, in 1949 when they were students at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. They married in December, 1950 and enjoyed nearly 69 years together. While Peggy did not finish college at the time (instead beginning to raise the first of four children), she went back to school to complete her bachelor's degree in education and graduated in 1971 from the University of Rhode Island. Peggy was a strong, resilient, independent woman-she had to be since Veryle was a Navy Chaplain and would often be gone from home for six months at a time on deployment. She would handle home life, finances, and all that life brought, all the time living on the East Coast, far from family. When Veryle left active duty, she became a pastor's wife in rural MN and began a career in early childhood education and later, home health care management. She was completely and totally committed to her family, supporting her children and grandchildren in any way that she could. She and Veryle attended as many activities as they could for their children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren. She was

an active volunteer with Stephen Ministry through her church, Christ the King; a hospice volunteer with Twin Cities Hospice; a library volunteer at Presbyterian Homes and a Growing through Loss grief small group leader, to name just a few of her areas of service and ministry. She was a generous supporter of Local Mission Partners, Tanzania and other social ministries through her church. Peggy loved music, having learned violin as a child and playing in the St. Olaf Orchestra as a student, later singing in various choral groups in her communities. Peggy and Veryle loved to travel and were fortunate to visit all seven continents around the world. They welcomed many family members and friends to accompany them on their travels over the years and took their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren on 3 different cruises together. Peggy suffered from dementia in her later years but she maintained her dignity, sense of style and gracious welcome even as she struggled with her memory. Peggy had a warm and compassionate heart, a listening ear, a generous spirit, and a deep and abiding faith. We who knew and loved her were blessed by her presence and love. She was a gift to all of us. Memorial service 11 am Friday, May 5 at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1900 7th Street NW, New Brighton. Visitation 1 hour prior to service at church. Memorial gifts may be directed to the donor's choice.

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Columbia Hts Chapel 763-789-4436

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ the King Lutheran Church  
1900 7th Street Northwest  
New Brighton, MN 55112

## Memorial Service

MAY 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“Peggy was a strong and vital woman. She and Veryle were always very supportive of me and my ministry at Christ the King. They both went out of their way to welcome visitors at worship. The love she and Veryle shared with each other and with their family and friends was unconditional. Esther and I will pray for Peggy's family asking God to comfort you and fill you with hope in the promise of the resurrection. We wish we could attend Peggy's funeral, but we are out of town that day. Take care. Pastor Paul and Esther Larsen.

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**Paul & Esther Larsen** - April 19, 2023 at 05:42 PM

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“What a classy lady! When we were new to Christ the King, she invited me to join her circle. And I did. Peggy and the others were so welcoming. Watching Peggy and Veryle arrive on Sundays in 'their' pew and observing children + grandchildren + great-children arrive was fun to see. Some days they were shoulder to shoulder. However Peggy and Veryle were proud. Peggy left a legacy of love and family. Our condolences to the whole family. Melodee and Hal Rossi

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**Melodee Rossi** - April 19, 2023 at 03:50 PM