



Margaret 'Peg' (Comer) Keenan

October 9, 2017

Keenan, Margaret "Peg" (Comer) 1945-2017 Died peacefully on October 9th after a long illness. Peg grew up in Hutchinson MN, received a BA in English Literature at the U of MN, attended medical school at Stanford and the U of MN, and trained as a psychoanalyst at the Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis. She was the first female psychoanalyst in Minnesota. During her 38 year career, Peg was loved and respected as a therapist, supervisor, mentor and teacher. She often lightened (and enlightened) the ponderous subject of psychoanalysis with cartoons and poetry. Her commitments to work, family and community enriched the lives of everyone she touched. She loved to travel especially with her children often by canoe or kayak. In retirement she danced with the inter- generational Kairos Dance Theater and volunteered at Pathways, offering healing poetry and movement (and sometimes work with horses) to the participants. Survived by her sister Laura (Barbara) Comer Emery and children Jessamyn (Vincent Knakal), Ryan and Sean. Peg's family is grateful to North Memorial Hospice for providing comfort and support in her last days. Memorial donations are preferred to Pathways Minneapolis, 3115 Hennepin Ave S, Mpls 55408, Compassion and Choices (www.compassionandchoices.org), or Planned Parenthood. Celebration of Life will be held Saturday October 28th at 3:00PM in the Sydney Auditorium at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, 3675 Arboretum Dr., Chaska, MN 55318 washburn-mcreavy.com Nokomis Park 612-721-1651

Tribute Wall

GK

“ I sat behind Margaret in Shakespeare class at the U of M and fell in love with her and one day, walking down by the river, I asked her to marry me and she gently declined. Still in love with her all these years later.

Garrison Keillor

Garrison Keillor - September 17, 2024 at 07:33 PM

TI

“ I may be too late to comment but I will try, hoping her family sees this.

Dr. Keenan saved my life. Her remarkable skills lifted me from the darkest corners to a stability that has allowed me to live anew. Not a day passes that I don't hear her voice. She allowed me to purchase the desk from her office when she retired. I take strength when I sit at that desk and read "prescriptions" she wrote me.

If her family can read this, I pass on my condolences. Dr. Keenan was a remarkable woman.

TC

Tim - March 15, 2020 at 11:36 AM

KA

“ I was deeply saddened to learn of Peg's passing, and I send my sincere condolences to her family. I cannot think what my life would have been, had I not had the opportunity to work with her in therapy. I will be forever appreciative and grateful. She was an extraordinary woman.

Kate - November 07, 2017 at 05:09 PM

JM

“ Peg and I were friends a long time ago. We especially enjoyed swimming and sailing the Comer sail fish on Lake Minne Belle. During the winter months we enjoyed ice skating and group toboggan excursions on a hill outside of town. Most of all I enjoyed the many conversations we had especially after we went to college on our own separate journeys. Fond memories of our friendship have endured with me. I know your memories will live through you as family as well. God bless you all. - Jeff Miller

Jeff Miller - October 24, 2017 at 04:37 PM

GK

“ Peg was one of my prized students in Latin, English, and theater at Hutchinson High School. Her contributions to our production of Mary Martin's musical PETER PAN were priceless. We couldn't have done it without her. I remember well her vibrant personality.

George Kimball

George Kimball - October 17, 2017 at 12:16 PM

KS

“ I was your mother's patient for many (30+) years, and was heartbroken to learn of her death. I can't imagine the depth of the family's grief, and you have my most sincere condolences. I can tell you that Peg's therapy with me changed the entire course of my life, and she did this with the utmost care and respect for me. I adored her, and it is hard to think of her not being in the world any more.

K. Sanders - October 16, 2017 at 01:36 PM