



Margaret Lee McChesney

October 14, 1937 - November 29, 2023

Margaret "Meg" Lee Berg McChesney, age 86, of Roseville, died peacefully on November 29, 2023.

Margaret was born on October 14, 1937, and was named after the singer Peggy Lee. She grew up in Northeast Minneapolis and graduated from Vocational High School in 1955. She headed to Aurora College in Illinois and met the love of her life at a bonfire during welcome week. She and Jim were married on the last day of school that next June. Peggy worked as a key punch operator, while Jim finished his degree, and they moved on to Garrett Seminary. Together they served churches in the Chicago area, Rochester, Minnesota, and eventually settled in Fridley, Minnesota for 20 years. During this time, they were blessed with two children, Cindy and Steve, and Peg was a busy mom and minister's wife. Later, she went back to school, graduating from Augsburg College in 1980 and earning her Master's in Social Work at the University of Minnesota in 1982. She worked as a hospital social worker and director of social services. In 1987 Meg and Jim moved to Racine, Wisconsin, where she joined Lakeside Family Therapy as a psychotherapist and Carthage College as an instructor. When they moved back to the Twin Cities in 1998, Meg opened her own private practice in individual and relationship therapy. She loved being close to her grandchildren, and cherished family times together. Meg enjoyed reading, writing, hiking, and learning with her new age spiritual group. She also loved to travel the world, exploring throughout Europe, Egypt, Venezuela, Iceland, and many other places.

Margaret went by many names, including Peggy, Peg, Meg, daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandma, therapist, and friend. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Margaret is survived by her loving husband of 67 years, James R. McChesney, daughter Cindy McChesney Lundeen (Todd) and son Stephen Reid McChesney, grandchildren Tinah, Kristy, Bethany, Samantha, Sarah, John, and twelve great grandchildren.

Meg was preceded in death by her mother, Erma Swant Berg Baker, father Lloyd Berg, stepfather William Baker, and brothers Robin Berg and Billy Joe Baker.

Meg was a member of the National Association of Social Workers, National Alliance on Mental Illness, the Association of Imago Relationship Therapy, Minnesota Women Psychologists, Minnesota Society of Clinical Social Workers, and other special groups.

A memorial service to celebrate Margaret's life will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church with visitation at 10:00 and a luncheon to follow. Private burial was held by the family following her death.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the ministries at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church.

Tribute Wall

AM

“ Thank you Meg for your gentle, beautiful kindness. I'm so grateful for your guidance and healing support. Your light will always be remembered and cherished. Much love and gratitude 🌹

Amy - August 25, 2025 at 09:50 PM

TC

“ Fond memories of time spent with Meg & Jim when we lived in Racine Wisconsin area. Meg was a life saver who helped me navigate a very difficult period of my life. I continually try to remember and apply the words of wisdom she shared with me back in the late 1980s-early 1990s. We were happy to stay in touch over the years and Rick has enjoyed the times communicates with Jim (PFV-Pretty Funny Viking...lol) over the HAM Radio bands. May God's presence be with Jim & the family today and in the future. Terry & Rick Cochran

Terry Cochran - December 26, 2023 at 03:24 PM

LP

“ We are thinking of you and your family, Jim, at this sad time. We so enjoyed meeting Meg. We will always cherish our memories from Creative Arts Festival. Larry has such fond memories of you from Fridley Methodist Church, and Priscilla did so enjoy your art classes!

Larry and Priscilla Pearson - December 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ I am so sorry to hear of Meg's passing. My sympathies to her husband, children, and grandchildren. She was a lovely, caring person.



Lynn DiEuliis - December 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ I'm sorry you died grandma Meg. You will always be part of our family. ❤️



Josie - December 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ So sorry. A wonderful sidekick for 67 years! Cherish the memories.

Ron and Carol Hagberg



Ron Hagberg - December 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ God bless your family during this difficult time.



Diane Berg - December 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ I am very sorry to learn of Meg's passing. You have my deepest sympathy.



Jocelyn Olson - December 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ My sympathies to you and family

Kathy Welle - December 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM