



Margaret "Maggie" Schilke

August 4, 1944 - February 16, 2026

Margaret "Maggie" Schilke, 81, of Monaca, Pennsylvania; Steamboat Springs, Colorado; Meridan, Connecticut; Scotia, New York; Brewster, Massachusetts; San Francisco, California; and Edina, Minnesota, passed away on February 16, 2026, after a decades-long battle with Multiple Sclerosis.

Maggie was born on August 4, 1944, in Rochester, Pennsylvania, to C. Stuart and Charlotte Lindsay. She graduated from Monaca High School in 1962. She continued her education at Wooster College in Ohio before earning her Master's degree in Speech Language Pathology from Kent State University.

A lifelong lover of snow, upon the completion of her education, Maggie notoriously drove her tiny sports car through the Rocky Mountains to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, where she played broom ball with John Denver and landed her first job as a Speech Therapist. This marked the start of a deeply meaningful career spanning more than 30 years in speech and language pathology, specializing in working with children ages zero to three.

While living in Connecticut, Maggie met Peter Schilke, and in 1972, they got married in Industry, Pennsylvania. They built a life together in Scotia, New York, raising Toby and Gillian along with many cherished dogs and other family pets. Her summers were spent sailing with the family on Sacandaga Lake, and winters baking way too many Christmas cookies.

Following her retirement in 2006, Maggie devoted her time to volunteering at First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Brewster, Massachusetts, reading thousands of books, cooking, baking, making lovely, intricate crewelwork pieces, and enjoying the culture and natural beauty of Cape Cod.

She is survived by her son Toby Schilke, Toby's wife Sara Cantwell, and their children Henry and Martin; her daughter Gillian Schilke and her husband Patrick McMahill; and her nieces Susan Driscoll and Anne Riesenfeld and their families. She was predeceased by her husband, Peter Schilke, and her sister, Barbara Riesenfeld.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Maggie's memory to the Brewster Conservation Trust or Planned Parenthood.

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