



Margaret “Peg” Sherman (Havens) Durrue Johnson

February 22, 1917 - June 5, 2020

Williamsfield, Ohio - Margaret Sherman (Havens) Durrue Johnson, age 103, passed peacefully in her sleep on June 5, 2020 at her home, surrounded by her family.

She was born February 22, 1917, in Laurelton, New Jersey, the youngest child of Walter and Margaret Mae (Sherman) Havens. Peg attended school in Point Pleasant, New Jersey. She was a member of the Super Stitches, a small sewing club of close friends that they created in their childhood and were active until they reached their 80's. Peg was married to Raymond Sterling Durrue on July 11, 1934. They were married until his death in 1968. In 1974 she married Edward “Ned” Obre Johnson, and they were married until his death in 1999.

She was a loving mother, homemaker, and business partner to her husband in their second-generation family business, Ray's Sunoco on the Laurelton Circle. Peg cared deeply for everyone in her life, dedicated to caring for others.

She was a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church of Laurelton, which was built with funding and land bequeathed by her great-great-grandfather, Rev. A.O.S. Havens. Peg was a charter and 50-year member of the Brick Township First Aid Squad. She was also a charter member of the Laurelton Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary for many years. Peg volunteered for the American Red Cross, along with many other community service activities. She volunteered as a plane spotter in Laurelton during World War II, and she ran the family business while her husband was serving his country during the war. Peg was one of the last surviving witnesses of the Hindenburg Zeppelin Disaster in Lakehurst, New Jersey. She participated in the rescue efforts following the S.S. Morro Castle sea disaster along the Jersey shore.

Peg was preceded in death by her parents; husbands; siblings, Emma H. Lewis, Wilbur S. Havens, James Y. Havens, and Harry Havens (infant) and grandson Jonathon W. Trotter. Survivors include her three children; Walter (Judith) Durrue of Brick, New Jersey, Evlyn (Donald) Cowan of Palm City, Florida and Margaret Rae (Jim) Pankratz of Williamsfield, Ohio; a niece and lifetime best friend, Thelma Lewis Frick; 10 grandchildren: Cheryl (Joseph) Tocket, John (Wendy) Durrue, Donald (Diane) Cowan Jr., Susan (Bruce) Miller, Sandra (John) Trotter, Lara (Dale) Reibold, Cara Codney, David Codney, Amy Codney, and Jennifer (Thomas) King; 25 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great grandchildren.

A private family memorial will be held in New Jersey, followed by internment in the Havens family plot at the First Baptist Church of Laurelton, New Jersey. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the First Baptist Church of Laurelton, 1824 NJ-88, Brick, NJ, 08724, or Hospice of the Western Reserve, 1166 Lake Avenue, Ashtabula, OH, 44004. Share a fond memory or condolence at www.baumgardnerfuneralhome.com

Comments



“ Remembering Peg as a sweet, faithful lady. Our sympathy to her family. From her many friends at the First Baptist Church of Laurelton, Brick, NJ (Church & Bible Study) Rev. Santiago Norori, Pastor #732-221-8964. Al Luthringer, Cemetery #732-295-3371

Dina Schmidt, Church Clerk - June 24 at 02:15 PM



“ Julie Day lit a candle in memory of Margaret “Peg” Sherman (Havens) Durrua Johnson



julie day - June 21 at 08:11 PM



“ Our condolences to your entire family, Rae. Bill and I know how much you loved and cared for your mom. Lynn & Bill Peskoran

Lynn Peskoran - June 13 at 11:17 AM



“ Margaret was a very gracious lady that always had something good to say about everyone. She was fun to talk to and had this cutest little laugh. I will miss you Margaret.



Pamela Graham - June 13 at 09:11 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your passing or is a very sweet lady a pleasure every time I saw you Now Jonathan has somebody to be with God bless rest in peace Peggy and Jonathan

jeanette nunziato - June 13 at 03:29 PM



“ Evelyn I just wanted to let you know I’m so sorry to hear that your mom passed she’s a very sweet lady I liked her quite a bit but I’m sure they’re all up there together watching over all of us

jeanette nunziato - June 13 at 03:29 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Aunt Margaret's passing. It has been many years but, I remember her fondly. The only lady I knew that did her housekeeping in a dress and pumps. Always the lady. RIP

Gail Eldridge (formerly VanZile) - June 19 at 05:43 PM