

# Margaret A "Peggy" Walders - #91

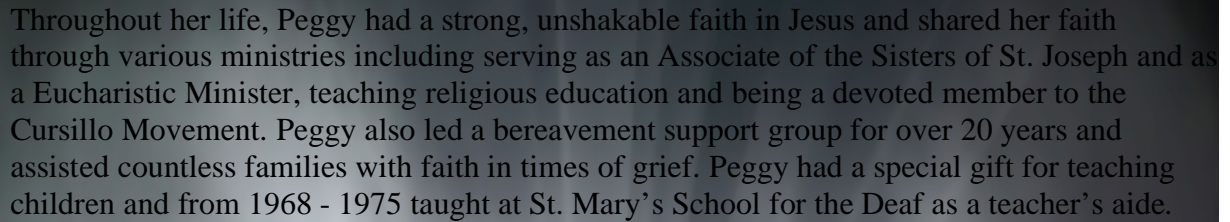
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WALDERS - Margaret A. "Peggy" (née O'Connell) Of Elma, passed away peacefully on April 26, 2021, at the age of 72 after a courageous battle fought for over twenty years with two autoimmune diseases, Sjögren's Syndrome and Primary Biliary Cirrhosis. Despite the physical limitations that these conditions had upon her, they could never break or diminish her spirit, her love for family and friends and above all else, her faith. She remained strong until the very end and she will forever be an inspiration of strength and grace to all who knew her.

Peggy was born October 31, 1948 in Lackawanna, NY, to the late Marion (née Roessler) and Thomas O'Connell. Peggy is the beloved wife of Peter Walders and devoted mother of Patrick, Bridget (Greg) Mills and Mary Kate (Matthew Coseo) and grandmother to Connor, Ian, Christian and Tallis.

Peggy loved being a mother to her children and her greatest joy was being "Grammy" and "Nana" to her beloved grandchildren who adored her. Peggy impacted the lives of so many through her care for others, kindness, deep compassion, steady strength and love.



Throughout her life, Peggy had a strong, unshakable faith in Jesus and shared her faith through various ministries including serving as an Associate of the Sisters of St. Joseph and as a Eucharistic Minister, teaching religious education and being a devoted member to the Cursillo Movement. Peggy also led a bereavement support group for over 20 years and assisted countless families with faith in times of grief. Peggy had a special gift for teaching children and from 1968 - 1975 taught at St. Mary's School for the Deaf as a teacher's aide.

In addition to her parents, Peggy was predeceased by her brothers, Charles McNerney and Jack McNerney. Other survivors include one brother, Thomas (Marilyn) O'Connell; and two sisters, Mary Jane (Bret) Norris and Donna (Richard) Zannett. She is also survived by nieces, nephews and many dear friends and all who were fortunate to know her.

Relatives and friends may visit the LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME (Southtowns Chapel), 3060 Abbott Rd. near Lake Ave., on Friday from 2-7 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday morning in St. Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church, 6441 Seneca St., Springbrook at 10:00 o'clock (Please assemble at church). Interment Nativity of Our Lord Cemetery in Orchard Park. PURSUANT TO NYS GUIDELINES, OCCUPANCY LIMITS WILL BE OBSERVED. PLEASE WEAR A FACE COVERING. Online condolences may be made at <http://www.lombardofuneralhome.com>