



Mary Margaret Henshaw

September 6, 1935 - November 28, 2025

In Memory of Mary Margaret O'Neill Henshaw 1935 - 2025

Mary Margaret "Peggy" O'Neill Henshaw, 90, passed away peacefully on November 28th, 2025.

Peggy was born on September 6, 1935, in New York City to Daniel and Catherine (Early) O'Neill. Peggy grew up in Riverdale, NY in a close-knit Irish Catholic family with her beloved siblings Daniel and Kathleen (Flynn).

A lifelong learner, Peggy graduated from the College of Mount Saint Vincent - where she formed cherished, lifelong friendships - and later earned a master's degree in education from Manhattan College. Her passion for teaching led her to pursue further graduate degrees at Fordham University. She began her career in New York City public schools but ultimately found her true vocation as a Catholic school educator where she could combine her deep faith and passion for education.

Peggy and Ray knew each other growing up in their Riverdale neighborhood but had no idea at the time that they would connect as young adults and create their legacy - their family. They were married in August of 1958 and celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary before Ray's passing in 2016.

They raised their family in Yonkers and Sleepy Hollow where they served their parish communities, balanced busy careers, and raised seven children – truly their greatest blessing.

Peggy taught at St. Paul the Apostle School in Yonkers and St. Theresa School in Briarcliff Manor before becoming Principal of Transfiguration School in Tarrytown, a role that proved to be her life's calling. For twenty years, she served the parish and school communities with devotion and vision, leading her faculty and staff in their dedication to educate children in the Catholic faith. She took tremendous pride in strengthening both the academic and spiritual life of the school, as well as overseeing meaningful improvements to its facilities. Even in retirement, Peggy remained deeply engaged, volunteering in her residential community as President of the Fox Hill Condominium Board for fourteen years.

In their retirement, Peggy and Ray traveled widely, enjoying cruises around the world, yet they always remained steadfastly centered on family. Nothing brought a brighter sparkle to Peggy's blue eyes than gathering with her children, their spouses, and her grandchildren, who affectionately knew her as "Pegs." Pegs was endlessly proud of her grandchildren, whose lives and accomplishments brought her immeasurable joy. Pegs' home was the heart of the family - whether hosting a full house for Sunday dinner or sharing a quiet cup of tea, her home was a place of warmth and comfort to all that gathered.

Mary Margaret Henshaw is survived by her seven children: Raymond (Sandra), Christopher (Heidi), Paul (Gina), Thomas (Arleen), Catherine (Paul), Margaret, Mary Beth (Adam); thirteen grandchildren: Megan, Jack, Paul, Miles, William, Matthew (Megan), and Michael Henshaw; Paul, Christine and Kelly Padalino; Grace and Aidan John, Danielle McDonald(Michael); two great-grandchildren: Ian and Isabella McDonald, and many cherished nieces and nephews. The family invites relatives and friends to attend services to

celebrate Peggy's life. Visitation will be at Dwyer & Michael's Funeral Home in Tarrytown on Friday, December 5, 4:30 – 8 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, December 6 at 10:30 AM at Transfiguration Church in Tarrytown, followed by the Rite of Committal at St. Augustine's Cemetery in Ossining.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer & Michael's Funeral Home
90 North Broadway
Tarrytown, NY 10591

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Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 6. 10:30 AM (ET)

Church of the Transfiguration
268 S. Broadway
Tarrytown, NY

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Rite of Committal

DEC 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Augustine Cemetery
Hawkes Avenue
Ossining , NY 10562

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ I was her caregiver, but I loved her truly. It was easy to love her. She was warm, sweet, and she made me laugh in the most honest ways. We shared small, beautiful moments that became part of my heart.



She was greatly taken care of with love, patience, and tenderness and I'm grateful I could give her that. Losing her left a soft ache in me, because my love for her was real. I miss her deeply, and I'm thankful I had the honor of loving her and caring for her. Love always Sunni Holstrom

Sunni Holstrom - December 06, 2025 at 09:31 AM

MH

Thank you, Sunni. We are all immensely grateful for the exceptional care you provided. It was a tremendous comfort to us that she was in your good hands during the day. ❤️

Margaret Henshaw - December 07, 2025 at 12:28 AM

JO

“ 1 file added to the album Mary's Slideshow Tribute



Joe - December 05, 2025 at 08:59 PM

CO

This was a beautiful tribute to an amazing woman's life.....SIP Mrs. Henshaw, you were truly one of a kind and will be missed by so many whose lives you shaped and touched.....

Christine O'Neill - December 06, 2025 at 01:30 PM

SD

“ *Senga, Annie, Clem, & Danny purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Margaret Henshaw.*



Senga, Annie, Clem, & Danny - December 05, 2025 at 10:00 AM

FC

“ *Fox Hill Condominium purchased the Dawn of Remembrance Basket for the family of Mary Margaret Henshaw.*



Fox Hill Condominium - December 05, 2025 at 10:00 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret Henshaw.*



December 03, 2025 at 08:10 PM



“ *Richard N Gross purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mary Margaret Henshaw.*



Richard N Gross - December 03, 2025 at 05:22 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret Henshaw.*



December 03, 2025 at 03:02 PM



“ *Pace NYC and PLV Sim Lab purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Margaret Henshaw.*



Pace NYC and PLV Sim Lab - December 03, 2025 at 02:45 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret Henshaw.*



December 03, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret Henshaw.*



December 03, 2025 at 08:02 AM



“ *Having lived across the street from the Henshaws my entire childhood, I think of Mrs. Henshaw with the deepest admiration- even more so now that I've raised three children! She was something...and her and Ray the dearest friends of my parents. I am grateful for their steady support during difficult days and the many good times-remembering them fondly turning up the dancing music, mostly Irish jigs, at 31 Hemlock! It's wonderful to think of them all united again! Slainte! My love to all the Henshaws.*

MADLINE Therese SULLIVAN-DRAKE - December 02, 2025 at 06:31 PM



“ *Connie Ernenwein purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Margaret Henshaw.*



Connie Ernenwein - December 02, 2025 at 04:20 PM

SC

“ I was blessed to have been a part of the faculty at Transfiguration under Pegs leadership. She created wonderful memories for both the faculty and countless students that went through Transfig. Peg was a joy to know, May she rest in peace. Sheila Coughlin

Sheila Coughlin - December 02, 2025 at 09:28 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret Henshaw.



December 02, 2025 at 07:18 AM

BH

“ Peg was a great lady -a good friend, a superb Catholic educator, a wonderful Mom! I will miss her laugh and her wit and wisdom. Rest in peace dear friend. Barbara Heaney

Barbara Heaney - December 01, 2025 at 08:19 PM