



Margaret "Peg" Mason

June 6, 1929 - April 30, 2016

Long-time Moses Lake resident Margaret Wright "Peg" Mason passed away quietly in her sleep in Kennewick, WA on April 30, 2016. Funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Moses Lake at 11:00 Friday , May 20,2016.

Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel of Memories, Moses Lake.

Peg was Born to Edward E. Wright and Beulah Schwartz Wright on June 6,1929 in Elgin, Illinois. She attended school in Dundee, IL until December 1941. Her Father was a maintenance supervisor at a foundry and died from complications from a work accident. After America entered WWII both her brothers, Jack and Donald, entered the Army Air Corps, and her Mother decided to join the war effort as an Army Nurse assistant. Peg was sent to live with her Uncle Lawrence "Tubby" Wright and Aunt Florence, in Green Bay, Wisconsin. She attended school there and loved to tell stories of baby sitting for families of the Green Bay Packers.

After graduation high school in Green Bay, Peg went west to Laramie , Wyoming, to attend the University of Wyoming. While there for her freshman year, she met Bob Mason , the love of her life. Although they had to get permission from the Dean of Women, they were married in Burns, Wyoming on Dec 26, 1948. She soon became pregnant and had to put her education on hold. She continued to support Bob in his schooling and career.

By 1953 Peg had 4 children and Bob was teaching and coaching in Cheyenne and then Laramie WY. In 1956 Peg competed in the Mrs. Wyoming contest.

She won, although she liked to tell that she forgot to put the vanilla in the cake that won for her. She and Bob were sent to Daytona Beach, FL for the MRS. USA contest. Although she didn't win, they had a great time. When the children were older she resumed her education and graduated from the University of Wyoming in 1960 with a degree in Education. The Family moved to Sheridan, WY, where Peg taught Spanish and Typing at Sheridan High School.

In 1962 the Mason Family moved to Moses Lake, WA, where Bob was to be the Dean of Men and wrestling coach at the newly created Big Bend Community College. Peg taught typing and Spanish at Frontier Junior High and worked on a Masters Degree in Library Science. After getting her M.A. in Library Science from the University of Washington, she then went to work as the Librarian at Moses Lake High School, a position she held for 24 years. Peg never missed a wrestling match, football game, track or cross country meet, baseball game or tennis match that her 4 children were participating in at Chief Moses or the High School.

After retiring from Moses Lake High School, Peg and Bob volunteered for a one year mission trip to Penza, Russia through the Christian Missionary Alliance Church teaching Christian ethics to their school administration. After Bob's death in 2000 she remained active as a volunteer in the surgery unit at Samaritan Hospital. She also played the violin in multiple community symphony orchestras and at churches in Moses Lake and Queen Valley, AZ. She spent winters in Queen Valley, AZ, until her health precluded it. She ran triathlons until she was 65 and was an active member in PEO and the Sons of Norway.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 20. 11:00 AM (PT)

Moses Lake Presbyterian Church
1142 W. Ivy
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

KB

“ I'm so thankful for the countless hugs, smiles, words of encouragement, and questions of interest and curiosity she extended throughout my childhood and each time I saw her as an adult. She was a second grandma to me, cheering me on from the side of the tennis court and nursing me back to health when I was injured. So thankful for her and her extended family, who long ago became part of my family. She will be missed. So thankful she's at peace.

Kari Brooke - May 16, 2016 at 11:30 AM



“ In 1965, Mrs. Mason taught me how to type, to laugh at myself and to finish what I started... I will always remember her kindness and fairness. God has a very special place in heaven for this woman. Rest in peace dear lady...
JB Hollingbery MBA, PT, MTC

Jeffrey Hollingbery - May 07, 2016 at 09:19 PM

RM

“ I know this will be long but this tribute will show the world a true angel has been called home. Mrs. Mason was the librarian at MLHS when I attended. She was one of the very few who believed in me. I was very quick tempered in those days and had a tendency to find myself always in trouble at school. She saw something in me and actually requested me as a library aide one term. She would set me down daily and give me challenges. These challenges became a regular part of our daily experience. One day she came in and told me if I could go for two consecutive school days without losing my temper she would bring me donuts and expect no work out of me for the next two days. Well I had about 15 minutes left in the second school day and I would win the bet. Well one of the clowns in my grade came into the Library and called her an old bitch! Well I busted him in the mouth and in doing so bloodied his nose. Mrs. Mason took care of my classmate then said for me to go to the office. I got in trouble and was facing a meeting with the principal, my Mom who was called in, and one of the counselors. Mrs. Mason asked to speak. She told everyone at the meeting she felt as though my action while wrong was very much understandable. She explained what happened and I was given a written write up and sent back to class. I felt relieved but yet I knew it was not right for me to celebrate either. When my time with her came that day I went in and requested time to talk. I told her thank you for standing up for me but I did not deserve to win the bet. I told her I would come in and do extra work for her in the morning before school. She taught me a valuable lesson; every action, regardless of why we do them, still has a cost of some sort. Years later, when struggling with faith, I saw her in church. I spoke with her and reflected on that day. She said to me while my action was wrong she understood why and when I took on extra work voluntarily as a punishment she said she knew this was the beginning of my growing up. We hugged and she said I always knew under that rough exterior was a kind, loving heart! This made me tear up! Peg Mason was and will always be the very definition of a lady. She will be missed by lots of people.

Ray Moog - May 06, 2016 at 10:13 AM

HM

This is a treasure, thank you so much for sharing.

heather mason - May 06, 2016 at 10:59 PM

JL

Good bye good friend. We have spent so many years together and shared so many experiences. I will never ever forget you. I will always keep a watchful eye on all of your family an think of you whenever I see any of them. Much love from me to all of them and most of all to you. Joyce Lyon

Joyce Lyon - May 14, 2016 at 03:40 PM

NP

“ *Visiting with Peg was always like opening a window and adding fresh air to a room as she was a positive, upbeat, "get it done" kind of gal. I enjoyed her enthusiasm and zest working with her and getting to know her at M.L. High School where she added her personal touch to the workings of the library and to the lives of the students with whom she interacted. She and Bob were special people in our lives and to so many others as well. We send our heartfelt condolences to all who had the pleasure to know her. May Peg and Bob's spirits live on through all of us. I light a candle for your memory, Peg.*

Nancy & Dennis Parr - May 05, 2016 at 06:37 PM

AG

“ *Peg has been a close friend of mine for many, many years. She was such a wonderful part of my life. We have shared so many great memories....at family gatherings, as part of the high school, training for triathalons, golfing, Arizona times, SGO times. We have lost a beautiful person. She will live on in my heart and memories. Ande Glaese*

Ande Glaese - May 04, 2016 at 01:13 PM

SC

“ P.E.O. Chapter HY send our deepest sympathy to the Mason family. Peg was a cherished member of our chapter and we will miss her wisdom and her faithfulness to us individually and as a chapter. She had so many talents and we are so very grateful to her for sharing these with us and for having such a generous heart toward all who knew her. She will be greatly missed! A single star sparkles new - set in Heaven. Lovingly, Peg's P.E.O. Chapter HY Sisters

Susie Courtright - May 04, 2016 at 10:51 AM

CH

“ The Hendricks family send our deepest condolences to the Mason family. Both of our families moved to Moses Lake in 1962, and we've had many connections over the years. Bob was a great man, Peg's kids are wonderful people, but Peg was the heart of the family and one of the nicest ladies we've known. We lost our heart (Elsie) this past year and know the sadness of this parting, but I know we share the same wonderful consolation of heaven and a promised reunion we all long to have.

Chris Hendricks - May 03, 2016 at 09:59 PM

TL

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Peg through the Moses Lake Alliance church. From our first lunch date to the last letter I received from her she was always so kind and loving to me. She would talk about her husband and her family (she loved so very much), books, her violin, her trips to Arizona and being a librarian all of which she so fond of. I really enjoyed her company and her friendship and will miss her but know I will see her again in heaven. Her family is in my prayers during this difficult time.

Tonia Lynch - April 30, 2016 at 11:55 PM