



Margaret "Peggy" Gillespie Albertsen

May 10, 1936 - December 4, 2025

Margaret Gillespie Beard Albertsen (Peggy), originally from Sudlersville, passed away after a brief illness on December 4, 2025, at University of Maryland Shore Regional Medical Center in Easton. Her three daughters and a longtime family friend were at her bedside.

She was predeceased by her husband Hans Carl Albertsen, her parents Victor Power and Juliet Stevens Gillespie, and her older brother Edward Stevens Gillespie.

Peggy was born at the then new Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital in Chestertown on May 10, 1936. She was a graduate of St. Mary's Seminary and University of Maryland, College Park. Peggy taught Home Economics at Centreville Middle School before retiring in the early 1990s. She loved to entertain family and friends. She was an avid bridge player and took pleasure in reading, sewing, and doing jigsaw puzzles. Rehoboth Beach was always a favorite place. She regularly attended productions at the Dupont Theater in Wilmington and at Church Hill Theater, where she had watched movies with her grandfather as a child. She and her husband, Hans, whom she married in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1986, enjoyed traveling, sailing, and croquet. Their travels led to many new adventures. They went hot air ballooning, white water rafting, sailboarding, and snow skiing. She shared her adventurous spirit with her grandchildren, taking them on both individual and family trips. Peggy even tried parasailing with them in Cancun, of which she said, "I'm glad I did it, but I won't do it again." Later in life, she enjoyed traveling and spending time with

her good friend Herb Friedman.

She had been active in the Altar Guild of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church and volunteered with the Ladies Auxiliary of the Chestertown Hospital, the Women's League of Washington College, and Homeports. Her quest for learning made her a Friend of the Kent County Public Library and a participant in Washington College's Academy of Lifelong Learning.

She is survived by her daughters, Juliet Smith of Chestertown, MD, Betsy Stillings (John) of Seattle, WA, and Leslie Beard of Chestertown, MD; her three grandchildren, Hillary Smith (Aaron Fienberg) of Irvine, CA, Evan Stillings of Seattle, WA, and Logan Stillings (Natalie), also of Seattle; three beautiful great-granddaughters, Callisto, Leonie, and Annika Fienberg; and her beloved dog, Harris. She will also be fondly remembered by her many nieces and nephews and wonderful friends.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Peggy's memory to the Kent County Public Library, 408 High St, Chestertown MD or The Animal Care Shelter of Kent County, 10168 Worton Rd, Chestertown MD.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Reception

JAN 18. 3:00 PM (ET)

Chester River Yacht & Country Club
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret "Peggy" Gillespie Albertsen*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 09 at 07:50 AM

TF

“ *The Gillespie Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Margaret "Peggy" Gillespie Albertsen.*



The Gillespie Family - January 16 at 09:22 AM

JS

“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Peggy" Gillespie Albertsen*



Jeanette Stubbs - January 14 at 10:29 AM

DB

“ *David&Stefanie Blyman lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Peggy" Gillespie Albertsen*



David&Stefanie Blyman - December 16, 2025 at 03:07 PM

JS

“ *A lifetime of memories with the Gillespie Family. Peggy was always a delight.*
David and Judy Sharretts

Judy Sharretts - December 11, 2025 at 01:25 PM

BL

“ *Brenda K Lyons lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Peggy" Gillespie Albertsen*



Brenda K Lyons - December 11, 2025 at 06:25 AM

DG

“ *Donna Gibbons-Neff lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Peggy" Gillespie Albertsen*



Donna Gibbons-Neff - December 10, 2025 at 07:43 PM

DG

Sending sympathy to all the family.

Donna Gibbons-Neff - December 10, 2025 at 07:44 PM

SM

“ Stacey Morris lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Peggy" Gillespie Albertsen



Stacey Morris - December 09, 2025 at 11:36 PM

NM

“ Nancy Morris lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Peggy" Gillespie Albertsen



Nancy Morris - December 09, 2025 at 05:16 PM

SC

“ Sue Comegys lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Peggy" Gillespie Albertsen



Sue Comegys - December 09, 2025 at 03:55 PM

BP

“ Bill And Norma Patton lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Peggy" Gillespie Albertsen



Bill and Norma Patton - December 09, 2025 at 12:10 PM

LM

“ *Our ladies' duplicate bridge group will sorely miss Peggy. We had many hours of great fun together!* ”

Lynn McLain - December 09, 2025 at 09:20 AM

PW

“ *Patti Webb sent a virtual gift in memory of Margaret "Peggy" Gillespie Albertsen* ”



Patti Webb - December 09, 2025 at 08:16 AM

JH

“ *Joan Horsey lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Peggy" Gillespie Albertsen* ”



Joan Horsey - December 09, 2025 at 07:37 AM

CK

“ *CINDY KING lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Peggy" Gillespie Albertsen* ”



CINDY KING - December 08, 2025 at 05:16 PM

JL

“ *John M Larrimore lit a candle in memory of
Margaret "Peggy" Gillespie Albertsen*



John M Larrimore - December 08, 2025 at 05:14 PM

TS

“ *Our deepest sympathy you the family.
Todd and Diane Smith*



Todd and Diane Smith - December 08, 2025 at 12:30 PM