



Margaret H. Pickard

January 16, 1924 - October 23, 2021

Margaret “Peggy” Williams Pickard

Peggy Pickard, 97, of Easton, MD, passed away quietly in her sleep on October 23, 2021 in her cottage at Londonderry. Born in Lakehurst, NJ on January 16, 1924, she was the daughter of Shine Spotswood Halliburton and Elizabeth Halliburton. Her father's career in the Navy's dirigible program took the family to England, the Philippines, Hawaii, San Diego, Sunnyvale, and Norfolk. Peggy had one sister, the late Mary Halliburton Keeney.

When Peggy was 14, her father retired to Macon, Georgia, his hometown, where she attended high school and had her own weekly radio show. While attending Wesleyan College in Macon, she met Ralph Benjamin Williams, who was in flight training at Warner Robins Army Air Depot. They married in June 1945.

After the war they lived in North Carolina and in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C. raising two children. She was quite active in the schools, church, and philanthropy, chairing multiple high-profile events. After her children moved away, she founded and operated her own public relations firm.

She was widowed in the early 80's, and remarried a wartime friend of her late husband. She and Sam Pickard were married over 20 years, living in

Washington, D.C. until Sam's death in 2006. With Sam she took up golf with the "Nine Holes" at Congressional Country Club, became active in the All Hallows Guild of the Washington Cathedral, continued her volunteer work with St. Francis Episcopal Church in Potomac, and enjoyed travelling, gardening, reading and spending time with her friends and family.

In 2017 Peggy moved to Easton, MD to be closer to her daughter. At Londonderry, her new home, she made new friends and became known for her warm and gentle kindness, her beautiful smile, sparkling blue eyes, and her daily practice of reading the Washington Post from cover to cover.

Her greatest joy was her family. She is survived by her son, Hal Williams (Cindy) of Flint Hill, VA; her daughter, Kate Williams Cox (Paul) of Oxford, MD; five grandchildren, Kimberly Cox of Oxford, MD, Christopher Cox (Carie) of Luxembourg, Henley Cox (Tim Hamlin) of New York, NY, Travis Williams of Boston, MA, Lizzie Williams Olmstead (Courtney) of Flint Hill, VA; and five great grandchildren, Landon Olmstead, Cooper Olmstead, Sam Cox, Leo Cox and Silas Hamlin.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, December 2 at 11 am at Christ Church Easton, 111 South Harrison St., Easton, MD 21601. The church requests masks if you are not fully vaccinated. The interment will take place at a later date at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Potomac, MD.

The service will be live streamed and recorded by the Christ Church Easton Facebook and YouTube.

To share online condolences with the family, please visit www.fhnfuneralhome.com. Memorial donations may be made in her name to Talbot Hospice to support Talbot Palliative Care, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601, or to All Hallows Guild of the Washington Cathedral, 3101 Wisconsin Ave.,

Washington, D.C. 20016.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM.

Christ Church
111 Harrison St.
Easton, MD

Tribute Wall



“ Margaret H. Pickard

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Margaret H. Pickard

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Margaret H. Pickard

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ I came to know Peggy only about a year before she moved to Easton. She was very kind to me following my husband's death in Sept., 2016, asking how I was doing when I sat next to her in church at St. Francis, Potomac, the morning after his memorial service. "I've been through this twice you know", she said softly. A few weeks later I brought to our now annual lobster dinner where she saw a number of old friends & had a great time. I visited her at her apt. & brought her to the lobster dinner the following Nov., when she told us she was preparing to move. What a lovely lady. She will be missed by many I am sure. Fan Oleson

Fan Oleson - November 26, 2021 at 11:42 AM

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“ My family and I were blessed by the warm friendship of Peggy Williams Pickard for almost 65 years. It all started when I became a fourth-grade classmate of her son, Hal, first at North Chevy Chase Elementary and later at Landon School. The Williams and Kiplinger families became close friends, and Peggy was like my second mother (after my own wonderful mom, Gogo, who likewise revered Peggy).

A few years later, Ralph and Peggy and Hal and Kate Weeks all moved to Darnestown, just a few minutes from our family's farm in Seneca, and now we were neighbors again. Their Christmas Eve open house was an annual delight, a convivial gathering of old friends from far and wide. After Ralph's death too young, her marriage to Sam Pickard brought another fine gentleman into our lives, and we all remained close.

My wife, Ann, and I had the great pleasure of visiting with Peggy in Easton a while back, and just a few weeks before she passed, Peggy and I spent over an hour on the phone, reminiscing about the old times and catching up on our expanding families. She was totally sharp, insightful, funny and loving--as she had been her whole life. What a superb human being!

-- Knight Kiplinger, Washington, DC and Seneca, Md.

Knight Kiplinger - November 21, 2021 at 11:23 AM

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“ John & Joy Cox lit a candle in memory of Margaret H. Pickard



John & Joy Cox - November 07, 2021 at 09:55 AM