



Peggy Ann Urie Grenke

April 2, 1940 - February 25, 2025

Peggy Ann Urie Grenke passed away February 25, 2025, surrounded by her family. She was born April 2, 1940, in Chestertown Hospital, in Chestertown, MD. She lived with her parents, George and Lucy Urie, in Rock Hall, MD. She attended Rock Hall Elementary School and graduated from Rock Hall High School.

During her high school years, she became friendly with William (Bill) Grenke, who also attended Rock Hall High School. They dated for several years and were married in 1957.

Peg and Bill have 4 children (Darlene, Michael, Kami, and Keri). They also have 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

They lived in Rock Hall until 1971, when Bill changed jobs. His first assignment at his new job required them to move to Illinois. They lived in Chatham, IL (a small town near Springfield) for about a year and then Bill was transferred to Georgia. They lived in Decatur, GA (a suburb of Atlanta), for about a year. Then Bill was transferred to Tennessee where they lived in Bellevue (a suburb of Nashville) for about 3 years. Bill was finally transferred back to Maryland, and they lived in Gaithersburg, MD, for about 28 years. During his retirement years, they moved to Swan Point, MD (a boating and golfing community in Southern Maryland). Bill had a private consulting business for a few years and Peg was his assistant.

During all these moves, Peg was raising 4 children and keeping the home front in good order while Bill was frequently traveling on business. All the

children were born in Maryland except for Keri who was born in Tennessee. While living in Gaithersburg, Peg worked as an assistant in the business office of Schabacker Investment Management. Peg also worked part time as a bookkeeper for a local church.

Peg became a Christian and was baptized while attending First Baptist Church in Chestertown, MD, in the 1960's. One of Peg's favorite gospel songs is "I Come to the Garden Alone". Some of Peg's favorite bible verses are Isaiah 41:10, Romans 10:9-10, John 3:16, Philippians 4:6, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, and Zechariah 4:6.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, March 1, 2025, at 2pm at Wesley Chapel Cemetery 6065 Rock Hall Rd. Rock Hall, MD 21620.

In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to Samaritan's Purse, (<https://samaritanpurse.org>), United Service Organizations (USO), (<https://secure.uso.org/Donate>), or Faith Bible Church, 407 Dudley Corner Rd Sudlersville, MD 21668. Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home P.A.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church
6065 Rock Hall Road
Rock Hall, MD

Tribute Wall

RD

“ 2 files added to the album Peg Grenke memories



Ruby Darlene DeWitt - March 07, 2025 at 01:00 PM

RD

“ Dear Grenke family, my heart just grieves for your loss. I know Peg is enjoying the glories of heaven, but it's the ones left behind that suffer. My deepest condolences to Bill and all the Grenke clan. Peg was such a wonderful Christian and faithful Prayer Partner for me. She is greatly missed. I, too, met Peg & Bill at Central Baptist in Gaithersburg, MD around 1979. She has prayed me through many deep trials and tribulations. I truly appreciated all those prayers on my behalf, because prayer make the difference! She prayed me through helping my hubby, Lew, during the two years of his caregiving before his passing in 2022, and my nearly two-year battle with cancer as well as times of sorrow so great I could not pray for myself. Back in 2007, I had a 40th High School reunion near Annapolis, and Peg & Bill were gracious enough to let me stay at their place for the weekend. What a wonderful trip that was, which I will never forget. I have attached a picture of her & I in her garden that weekend of July 2007. (Also, one of her and Bill.) Be blessed, and know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, In Christ, Darlene DeWitt-Oaks.

Ruby Darlene DeWitt - March 07, 2025 at 12:46 PM

SF

“ Sharon Moffett Freeman lit a candle in memory of Peggy Ann Urie Grenke



Sharon Moffett Freeman - March 06, 2025 at 12:15 PM

DS

“ Greetings Family,☀☀☀ it's TeJay and Derek.



Sat.~ March 1, 2025 ~ Rock Hall, Md
It's a beautiful warm and sunny day.

May God's love, strength, and blessings go before the family this day, and keep each of you in his perfect peace.

InJesusName!🙏 Amen.

Our heartfelt prayers and condolences to the family.💕

Lov you guys!💕👍

Derek & TeJay Scott - March 01, 2025 at 06:05 PM

LK

“ Mrs. Peggy Grenke will be greatly missed. She was such a prayer warrior.

She made the best tea in the world. As a teenager I spent many hours and days at her home, and she always made me feel welcomed. It was also such a joy to work with her at Schabacker Investment firm. She opened her home for my wedding rehearsal for all my family and friends I am so thankful for her testimony to me. She will surely be missed but I am thankful one day I will see her in heaven. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!

I am praying for all of you on this day and the days ahead!!

Love ya!!

Liesa Kline (Wingo)

Liesa Kline - March 01, 2025 at 01:07 PM

KR

“ I am heartbroken by Peg's death. She was literally my oldest friend. When I was just six months old, my family moved into the house next door to the Grenkes. Peg went out of her way to make my childhood special. We spent innumerable hours together, eating breakfast at the Marriott or the Hamburger Hamlet, shopping at Potomac Garden and Johnson's for flowers and shrubs, and just lounging on her patio or glider. She ALWAYS took an interest in my life, my interests, my hobbies, and my dreams. She was a great emotional support when my mother and (later my) father endured cancer. Later, when I trekked off to college, 600 miles away, she sent me so many cards so that I wouldn't feel so lonely in a new community. I received my last card (a birthday card) from Peg just 4 weeks ago. I believe that I have every card she ever gave me...and that's a couple hundred! My mother and I had planned to visit with Peg in March, and it deeply saddens me that I didn't get up to Maryland to spend one last afternoon with her. Peg's faith was extremely important to her, and I know she is in a better place. My deepest condolences to the entire Grenke family.

Katherine Rohrer - February 28, 2025 at 08:26 PM

DD

Peggy was (in plain words) a complete doll baby! Her faith was amazing and sharing it with others when she knew they were in a bad place brought comfort and faith to others. Her love for comforting was a gift she shared with me when our granddaughter passed. My love and prayers are with Peggy and Bill and with the rest of her family. Rest in Peace as you have earned it Peggy!

Diane Davis - March 01, 2025 at 10:14 AM

TM

“ *TIM AND CAROL CRESSMAN AND TERRI MANCUSI planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peggy Ann Urie Grenke.*

TIM AND CAROL CRESSMAN AND TERRI MANCUSI - February 28, 2025 at 11:45 AM

TM

“ *TIM AND CAROL CRESSMAN AND TERRI MANCUSI purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Peggy Ann Urie Grenke.*



TIM AND CAROL CRESSMAN AND TERRI MANCUSI - February 28, 2025 at 11:45 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Urie Grenke.*



February 28, 2025 at 11:07 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Urie Grenke.*



February 28, 2025 at 10:47 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Peggy Ann Urie Grenke.

February 28, 2025 at 10:47 AM



“ *Mary E Jenkins, Lynne and Jay Hornick. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Peggy Ann Urie Grenke.*



Mary E Jenkins, Lynne and Jay Hornick. - February 27, 2025 at 05:58 PM



“ *Peggy had been my friend for more than 35 years. Even though I have been away from the DC area for 25 years, she still was one of my best friends. Through all her physical challenges, she remained strong like a rock spiritually and emotionally. If I had any concern or needed advice, she was there for me. I will miss her tremendously. May you rest in peace, Peg.*

Mari Kibritian - February 27, 2025 at 02:22 PM

PA

“ How fully blessed my life has been since Peggy was a part of it! I was privileged to meet the Grenke family when I was a teenager (like 50 years ago). The Lord knew how much I needed to have Peggy in my life. Through all the ups and downs, she was there. She was my number one prayer warrior. Precious memories of spending one on one time with her in her living room, talking, confiding in her, praying, just loving being together. She planned my surprise bridal shower, welcomed my children as her grands. She recently met my precious grandchildren and immediately showered loved on them. She was Grandma Peggy to my children and now my grandchildren. I've told people for years that she is my second Mom. I wish everyone had the opportunity to have a Peggy in their life. Regardless of where I was living, she was just a phone call away. She used her spiritual insight to guide so many, had so many friends and knew the importance of prayer.

So many memories but getting to celebrate her 60th birthday with a slumber party tops the list. Several lifelong friends were able to meet in Gaithersburg and celebrate her. Bill made us jaw slings because he knew how much talking we would do – he was right.

I'm thankful for the impact she had on my life, will miss her terribly but am glad she is no longer suffering and able to see our Savior, face to face and reconnect with so many that were there to welcome her home. Love and prayers to her family, Patty (Healand) Alford

Patty (Healand) Alford - February 27, 2025 at 01:57 PM

SY

“ *Sending my love and deepest sympathy to you and your family. I want to express how much Ms. Peg meant to me. Mom and Ms. Peg were best friends and when she was diagnosed with cancer it was Ms. Peg who was by her side for 5 years through all her treatments at NIH.*

Ms. Peg had the biggest heart, smile, and love for Jesus. I remember when I was getting married, she and my mom said they would help with the wedding. Instead, I just told them to plan it, but I told them I just wanted a simple country wedding. It was like turning kids loose in a candy store they went crazy. When it came to the menu Ms. Peg insisted on her Russian tea balls, and we had to roll 400 of them. We had a good time laughing, talking, and baking them. I will always remember this moment.

When Mom passed it was Ms. Peg who stepped into her shoes and for the last 44 years, she has been there for me with her motherly advice, prayers, scolding me when she did not agree with me, but still loving me no matter what. She has left a hole in my heart, but I know she is with Jesus in heaven and we will see her again one day.

There are no words to take away your sadness when you lose someone you love. Just hold on to all your memories and remember how much she loved you all.

*Love
Sylvia*

Sylvia - February 27, 2025 at 12:24 PM

DA

Hi Sylvie, Mom had soo many great friends, but while she was w us, MaryLou was the BEST, soulmate type friend. Your Mom was equally as special, Mom never stopped missing her. Oh the time they must b having! Your Dad was my Dads BF too, great when couples mesh. Your whole family is so special to ours 💕

Darlene - February 27, 2025 at 02:15 PM

LD

Darlene, I well remember all the time spent at your home when you lived in Rock Hall. Your mom was such a joyful person. There are 9 of us Rock Hall middle school girls that still get together. Think of you often. Loretta Brannock Dierker

Loretta Brannock Dierker - February 28, 2025 at 04:26 PM

DA

Loretta 💕 so lovely to hear from you my old friend. Thats great the gang still hangs. Im sure Maria is there too. Hello to all. We could try reconnecting, you all mean a lot to me. 301-848-8458, dargmt@gmail.com

Darlene - March 01, 2025 at 12:45 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Urie Grenke.*



February 27, 2025 at 11:50 AM

CK

“ Sincere condolences to all of Peggy's family and friends. I remember first meeting Peggy at Central Baptist Church. She has continuously offered prayers up my family and I. Peggy would often bless me with a note, often containing a generous gift, and signed Bunches of Blessings. That is what Peggy was to me and so many others, through her ministry of encouragement and prayer. I am confident the Lord and Peggy's earnest prayers sustained me through some of the darkest and most challenging events in my life. The loss of my dear wife Barbara, who after 43 years of marriage, a breast cancer diagnosis, after 4 years enduring the horrible disease Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) was ushered into the heavenlies on Thanksgiving Day, 2022. Peggy always was checking on us and encouraging our hearts through our many trials. Most recently, in less than a week, after going through 3 hospitals and 2 medivac helicopter rides to where I received a triple bypass on my heart, I recieved my last loving and encouraging correspondence from Peggy. I will treasure it the rest of my days, and I will also treasure the memory, of my dearly departed sister in Christ. Rest easy Peggy, you and Barbara enjoy paradise. We'll all be there soon for the biggest family reunion ever.



Charles Kolb - February 27, 2025 at 11:32 AM

PA

Such a beautiful tribute. All so true... We were truly blessed to know Peggy.

Patty (Healand) Alford - February 27, 2025 at 01:59 PM

AW

“ Keri and family, my heartfelt condolences on the passing of your Mom. Love and hugs, Ann W.

Ann Severe Wickerham - February 27, 2025 at 11:21 AM

AS

“ Ann S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peggy Ann Urie Grenke.

Ann S. - February 27, 2025 at 11:17 AM

GK

“ Gail Kendall lit a candle in memory of Peggy Ann Urie Grenke



Gail Kendall - February 27, 2025 at 07:56 AM

GK

Many fond memories of this family growing up. I remember the day the family moved from North Main. I cried walking home after saying good bye.

Gail Kendall - February 27, 2025 at 07:58 AM

DA

My friend ❤️ so wonderful to hear from you, I cried all the way to IL. I'd so love to reconnect. Get n touch & i promise to make it happen. 301-848-8458,dargmt@gmail.com

Darlene - February 27, 2025 at 09:34 AM

VA

“ It was wonderful having the Grenke family as neighbors growing up in Rock Hall. I have many fond memories of Ms. Peggy, and having Darlene and Michael as playmates. Prayers to all of her family. 🙏
🙏

Vickie Brown Anderson - February 27, 2025 at 07:38 AM

DA

Wow, Vicky too ❤️ we spent so many years together just playing, having the best time. The good ole days for sure. See my contact info under Gail. It would bring such joy to my life to get back n each others lives. I promise to make the effort i didnt n the past. Love to Kim too💕

Darlene - February 27, 2025 at 09:41 AM

DA

“ While all of Moms family & friends r grieving her loss, we r so grateful she was blessed with a long, good life. She realized her dreams of marrying my Dad, being an awesome homemaker, raising a family & so much more; maintaining an ever expanding circle of remarkable friends. As a matriarch, she was loving, involved, creative & fun. She served God thru her prayer ministry, ‘Bunches of Blessings’. Tho her last 5 years were homebound, she never complained, so happy to b n her home, cared for by her devoted husband. Their love has been so beautiful to behold. The greatest gifts she gave me, are my Dad & my siblings. Rest n peace my dear, sweet, beloved Mom 🧡💕🌻☐🏖️

Darlene - February 27, 2025 at 01:22 AM

DA

My daughter Breanna and her girls Valeria & Liliana with her husband Jose are part of their Grammi's legacy and Mom adored them.

Darlene - February 27, 2025 at 06:27 AM

SC

“ *Condolences to Peg's family.*



Sally Coursey - February 26, 2025 at 10:44 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Dalrymple lit a candle in memory of Peggy Ann Urie Grenke*



Debbie Dalrymple - February 26, 2025 at 09:32 PM

JB

“ I've had the privilege of knowing dear Peg since 2009 when 'Dr. B' and I moved to Swan Point. We were instant friends. I am honored to say I have been prayed for, worried about, and loved by our beloved Peg for 15 years. She prayed for me through every disaster that California threw my way. It has been an unbelievable and extraordinary level of love and caring. She was always the first to ask how I was after each incident. I will truly miss that level of caring. She loved all her family beyond words and was so very proud of every member. She served and loved the Lord with an unflinching passion, and I know in my heart she was smiling up at Him as He reached His hand gently down to invite her Home. Such a comfort for my heart. I will miss my precious and special friend beyond measure, but am so grateful to have experienced the blessing of a friendship like hers. Grieve gently dear Grenke family - Peg was one-in-a-million and will never be forgotten. I, for one, will keep her tucked safely away in my heart forever. Thank you for loving me Peggy Ann Urie Grenke!! All my love, Jeanette (Net) ❤️
xoxox

Jeanette Brennan - February 26, 2025 at 08:10 PM

MJ

We always loved going to Peg's after Kami became a part of our family. She always had great food and a great smile. I called her the "Hostess with the Mostess". Mary Ellen Jenkins

Mary Ellen Jenkins - February 27, 2025 at 04:47 PM

BG

“ To Mrs Peggy’s family..
I remember my aunt Madeline Cornelius would speak so highly of Mrs. Peggy.what a true friendship they had ! There were not too many times that aunt Madeline wouldn’t say..oh I talked with Peggy today ! When I would who was this Peggy,she explained that she lived up the street .i was very young but then I remembered . And then aunt Madeline would tell me where her parents lived and I knew them. Mr George Urie.all wonderful ppl. I’m sending all of you hugs and prayers for peace and comfort..with love!Bettyann Glenn



bettyann glenn - February 26, 2025 at 08:01 PM

DA

Madeline was such a dear friend of hers, she missed her terribly.

Darlene - February 27, 2025 at 01:38 AM

JX

“ Jeanette Brennan & Dave Streit xoxox planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peggy Ann Urie Grenke.

Jeanette Brennan & Dave Streit xoxox - February 26, 2025 at 08:00 PM

JX

“ Jeanette Brennan & Dave Streit xoxox purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Peggy Ann Urie Grenke.



Jeanette Brennan & Dave Streit xoxox - February 26, 2025 at 08:00 PM

JM

“ Dear Grenke Family,
What a precious friend Peg has been to me. We met in 1980 at Central Baptist Church. Over the last years, we have become even closer. A beautiful Lady of Prayer, Love and Care to everyone. I know she is rejoicing to now be with Jesus and happy. I will miss her everyday and cannot imagine my life without her. She would call around noon time often and we always had lots to talk about. Bill her wonderful caregiver, her dear family, much in the Bible, her favorite Book was James, news events, health, various sermon programs and on and on I could go. She prayed me through a lot of things, especially the lost of my Husband and almost dying last fall and being away from home many weeks while I recouped. What marvelous comfort she gave and would end our talks praying. She was this way with everyone in her life. How rich a blessing to have had her in my life. I will get to see and be with her one day, that will be grand. Love to Each of You, missing her greatly as I do.

Joan E McCleery - February 26, 2025 at 05:49 PM

DP

“ Dear Grenke Family,
I am going to miss my dear friend, but know she is walking and moving without pain and basking in the light of our Lord. Peggy has been my dear friend for 45 years. I met the Grenke family when I was 26! I love you all. She was a true prayer warrior. Peggy has prayed me through ups and downs, as she did everyone who touched her life and had a need. We shared everything. She was my accountability partner. I can't imagine her not being in my life to support and encourage me, and always point me to Jesus. How blessed I was to be her friend.

Debbie Pierce - February 26, 2025 at 05:15 PM

WH

“ Dearest Grenke Family,

You are in our thoughts and prayers as you grieve the departure of precious Peg to her Heavenly Home. Peg befriended me as a 19-year-old college student, much to my amazement. We just seemed to “click” from the start. From that point, an abiding friendship grew, which I have cherished and leaned on all these years. She will forever be the most faithful Prayer Warrior I have ever known. She prayed me through the death of all my beloved grandparents, through my husband’s Middle Eastern deployment (every hour, on the hour, she’d say, for 346 days!), through the birth of both my babies, and much of “life” in between. I will always remember her matter-of-fact way of seeing the world and her sense of humor that could lighten the heaviest of times. Her marriage to wonderful Bill for over six decades was such an example to my family, and she praised his caregiving in these last years. Their love and devotion to one another is a beautiful gift to the world! Peg once shared with me that the described heavenly streets of gold and pearly gates sounded a bit gaudy to her... she’d much prefer a beautiful bench on which to sit among green grass, hearing her Savior’s sweet voice. I imagine her doing that just now. And from the perspective of a child, with the biggest smile this morning, my Noah said, “I bet Grammi Peg is ROCKIN’ up there today!” May God grant y’all peace and strength in all that lies ahead. She adored you and was so proud of each and every child, grandchild, and great-grand. She will be so terribly missed... until we meet again! Love and Hugs, The Brosius Family, Whitney, Josh, Noah, and Isaac

Whitney - February 26, 2025 at 04:02 PM

CB

“ I helped Keri with a gift for her mom awhile back. Peggy was so grateful and continued to send me cards of thanks and cheer ever since. It would lighten my day when she had heard of a difficult time I was having and would send me a card. She was very thoughtful. Rest in peace Ms. Peggy and I know you will watch down on those you love still. Hugs to the family!

Carole Byrd - February 26, 2025 at 02:30 PM

KE

“ Finally at peace in her Father's arms. It is not forever, just for now. But the "now" feels very lonely without my prayer warrior mom. Her son-in-law, Kenny is missing her as well. Her grandson, Ryan's heart is breaking for his Grammi. I will remember her love for her grand and great grandchildren....summers on the porch...her love of shells, her favorite colors peach and turquoise, her pond and fish, her house, birds, craft fairs and so much more. But mainly I will remember the relationship she had with the love of her life ...her husband/my dad who was an amazing, care giving, faithful, tireless man and of course, her walk with Jesus!

Keri - February 26, 2025 at 01:42 PM

LP

“ Leah J Plato lit a candle in memory of Peggy Ann Urie Grenke



Leah J Plato - February 26, 2025 at 12:19 PM

ST

“ *Rest in Peace, Miss Peggy! To her loving children, please accept my heartfelt sympathies. I remember when you all (except Keri, of course) lived down the street from us on the Haven Road extension. I pray your loving memories will bring you comfort at this time.*



Sharon Truitt - February 26, 2025 at 12:03 PM

NH

“ *Nancy Hubbrd lit a candle in memory of Peggy Ann Urie Grenke*



Nancy Hubbrd - February 26, 2025 at 11:47 AM