



Peggy Jo "Peg" Kovach

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Peggy Jo "Peg" Kovach, 65, of Decatur, passed away Friday, December 30, 2011 in Decatur Memorial Hospital with her family by her side.

Peg was born September 17, 1946 in Champaign, Illinois daughter of Clarence "Pete" and Ethel Black Bowlin and was later adopted by Rex Buehler. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Millikin University and her Master's Degree from Eastern Illinois University. Peg was a teacher for 13 years with Decatur School District 61 and Holy Family School. She then became the Executive Director for Growing Strong Sexual Assault Center. After retirement, Peg served on the board for the Macon County Child Advocacy Center. She married Michael Kovach November 27, 1965, in Mt. Pulaski, Illinois.

Peg is survived by her husband, Michael; her daughter, Angela Russell Edgecombe and her son, Christopher Jolene Kovach of Decatur; grandchildren: Alyssa Edgecombe of Decatur, Jessica Atteberry of Petersburg, Nicole Edgecombe of Decatur, Skyler Kovach of Petersburg, Sarah Edgecombe and Christopher Kovach of Decatur; sister, Rebecca Louis Volle of Mt. Pulaski; brothers: Michael Melody Buehler of Mission Viejo, CA and Rex Buehler, Jr. of Clinton; along with many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister in infancy.

Memorial visitation will be Wednesday, January 4, 2012 from 4-6 pm in the Moran & Goebel Funeral Home. Casual attire is requested. Cremation service will be provided by Graceland/Fairlawn Crematory. Interment will take place at a later time. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial gifts be made to Growing Strong Sexual Assault Center or Macon County Child Advocacy Center.



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CK

Christopher Kovach posted:

grandma peg, i miss you dearly and the times we speant together when i was little, its sad that i dont remember much about you but im glad that i had you as my grandma, i love you and miss you.
Christopher Kovach, Decatur IL United States

June 2 at 7:55 AM

MB

Michael Buehler posted:

I love you sis. I will miss you greatly. I have so many fond memories from our childhood. I always wanted to make you laugh. Heaven is a better place now that you are there. Rest in peace my little sister, rest in peace. Mission Viejo, CA United States

March 4 at 7:00 PM

ME

Megan posted:

My dear Aunt Peggys...I love you and will miss you dearly. Your laughter was priceless and I will always remember all the times you and my mom would get to laughing together at family gatherings, shopping trips, and lunch dates; even when it embarrassed me at the time. I will always remember the advice you have given me throughout the years and I will keep all the memories of you in my heart. Thank you Aunt Peggys for all the laughs and the love!! Love, Meggers Mt. Pulaski , IL US

January 23 at 7:00 PM

JS

Judy & Joe Sidwell posted:

We spoke to Virginia Carter today and heard that Peg had passed away. Mike, we are so sorry to hear this and you are in our thoughts and prayers. We just returned from visiting the Carters in Sebring, Fl. Judy and Joe Sidwell Decatur, IL US

January 4 at 7:00 PM

NS

Noah Solomon posted:

Dear Kovach cousins:I am so sorry for you loss. If it weren't for the 900 miles, I'd be there at your side. Much love, New York, NY US

January 3 at 7:00 PM



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VR

Virginia Ringer posted:

Dear Kovach Family, We are so sorry for your loss. What great memories we have of Peg who so graciously allowed us to be ourselves, never judging or being critical unjustly. She will be missed. What an asset she was to the community. Decatur, IL US

January 3 at 7:00 PM

EC

Ed Culp posted:

Kovach Family, Peg was a loud voice, that was softly spoken. I will miss her dedication to family and community. She is now watching over, all of us. Decatur, IL US

January 3 at 7:00 PM

DC

Dawn Cobb posted:

Dear Mike and family, I am so sorry about your losing Peggy. She had a special light inside her and I know she will always be in our hearts. We will love her always. Dawn Sherman, IL US

January 2 at 7:00 PM

AW

Alan And Kathy Wiese posted:

Mike, Alan and I were so sorry to hear about Peg. When I think of Peg, I see the smile on her face and the joy she brought to us. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Kathy Columbia, MO US

January 2 at 7:00 PM

SW

Stefanie Walmsley posted:

I was sorry to hear about Mrs. Kovach. She was one of my favorite teachers in grade school and made a huge impact on me. I will always remember her as one of the best teachers I ever had in school with her story telling. She will be missed. Decatur, IL US

January 2 at 7:00 PM

MC

Michael Cobb posted:

Mike, so sorry for your loss. Jacksonville, IL US

January 2 at 7:00 PM



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BH

Basil And Judi Humphrey posted:

Dear Mike,Chris,and,Angie,It has been quite a while since those days on Higdon but we will never forget the good times we all had. Peggy entertained us with many great stories and always had a bright smile that lit up when she saw us. Our love and prayersare with all of you during this difficult time. Paducah, KY US

January 2 at 7:00 PM

CM

Chris And Sheila Matthews posted:

Mike, Chris and I just heard about Peg. We are sorry for your loss. We are thinking of you and your family. Taylorville, IL US

January 2 at 7:00 PM

DH

Dale And Mary Hale posted:

OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT OT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY Decatur, IL US

January 2 at 7:00 PM

DS

Doug & Wanda Steppe posted:

Wanda and I are saddened by the loss of Peg. She is a special person and will be truly missed.She really was one of the "lights" during our reunions.We will be keeping you and your family in our prayers. Rock Hill, SC US

January 1 at 7:00 PM

HB

Harold & Sandra Bruso posted:

Our deepest sympathy Mike to you and all the family. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Decatur, IL US

January 1 at 7:00 PM

RF

Randy & Cheryl Florey posted:

Mike,We are sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Always remember the good times.Randy & Cheryl Florey Bethany, IL US

January 1 at 7:00 PM



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JF

Jim And Peggy Farney posted:

Mike we were so sad to read that Peg had passed. She was a true joy to everyone who knew her. She had a light in her eyes and a smile that made you feel special when she saw you. For sure she was one of a kind. Jim and I are keeping you and your family in our thoughts. Decatur, IL US

January 1 at 7:00 PM

SB

Sharon Schroat Bartolameolli posted:

To the Kovach Family:I can't tell you how sad I was to hear of Peg's passing. I did my internship at Growing Strong and she hired me afterwards as a part-time counselor. Peggy was always there for me when I lost family; she attended every funeral. She made a great impression on me and many others. I miss her greatly but Heaven has a new star that is shining brightly. Kankakee, IL US

January 1 at 7:00 PM

DB

Danny O'brien posted:

so sorry too here about Peggy. I enjoyed our time together in high school. she was very sweet and kind. elkhart, IL US

January 1 at 7:00 PM

AD

Amanda Dodson posted:

Dear aunt peggy.....so many wonderful and funny memories i have to keep as a young child and getting together for holidays and family gatherings.you were 1 of a kind.i loved going to aunt pegs and uncle mikes! What a wonderful angel god has taken home.heaven is the happiest place on earth.watch over all us.and make sure you make everyone in heaven laugh as much as you did all of us here.we will meet again someday.love you dearly aunt peg!! springfield, IL US

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BD

Bill Dodson posted:

My most heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of Peg's family. She can never be replaced but always remembered. I hope those memories will bring smiles and happiness to all of you in days to come. I have, and always will have, a special place in my heart for Peg. As I write, I am reminded that I have been one of the lucky few on this Earth to have known, loved and shared valuable time with her. The memories of her beautiful smile and laughter are some of the greatest of my life. The times we spent together as family and friends are priceless. I love her and will miss her dearly. Naples, FL US

December 31 at 7:00 PM

DM

David A Martin posted:

Dear Mike, Angie, Chris & family, I'm so sorry for your loss, but know that Peg has a special place in all of our hearts. She always made me feel special at our reunions or whenever we were together. She left us with so many wonderful memories and that beautiful smile. We were all blessed to have known her. Palm Coast, FL US

December 31 at 7:00 PM

TD

Tracey Dodson posted:

Anything I know about Peg I know from my husband, although I have met her a couple of times. I have re-lived many good times that her & Bill have had over the years from the stories he has told me. Any story that involved Peg & Mike would light his face up like it was just yesterday. Peg, although you no longer here on earth, you will continue to light up faces for years to come. Thank you for that. Naples, FL US

December 31 at 7:00 PM

KS

Kimberly Merrow Stachak posted:

Dear Angie and Family, I am so sorry to hear about your mom. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Allen Park, MI US

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DM

Dan & Cathy Murphree posted:

Cathy and I will miss Peg and her beautiful smile. She was the ultimate social organizer at reunions; making sure everyone had a good time. Our prayers go out to the family at this time of grief.

Richardson, TX US

December 31 at 7:00 PM

ML

Matt Lees posted:

"Mrs. Kovach was my favorite teacher at Holy Family. Her enthusiasm was contagious and love for children was evident. She left an indelible impact on me and so many others. As an educator, I can only aspire to that type of legacy." Matt Lees Marion, IL Marion, IL US

December 31 at 7:00 PM

DA

David Alderson posted:

I am saddened to hear of your loss. I met Peggy years ago when we both worked at J. C. Penney's downtown. She was a great inspiration to me and I enjoyed knowing her. She was very caring and always lending a helping hand. I am so sorry for your loss and you are in my prayers. Decatur, IL US

December 30 at 7:00 PM

JH

Judith Hutchings posted:

Peggy was a very dear person who did nothing but spread "goodness" her entire life!!! She will be greatly missed by all of her friends! Rest in peace, dear Peggy!!! Divernon, IL US

December 30 at 7:00 PM

CC

Cammoore Curry posted:

Mike and family So sorry to hear of Peg's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Will always remember the beautiful smile that was always on her face. Decatur, IL US

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JK

Julie Keck King posted:

I was so sorry to hear of Peggy's illness and passing. It has been a long time since I have seen or talked to her but, I will always remember her sweet smile and the fun we had at family reunions in Mt.Pulaski. Bloomington, IL US

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FL

Fred & Pat Lipp posted:

We were in Peggy's class of '64. Many wonderful memories. Our sympathy to her family. Mt. Pulaski, IL US

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LH

Linda & Bob Van Hook posted:

We were so sorry to hear about Peggy. She always had a smile for everyone. We will keep the family in our thoughts and prayers. Forsyth, IL US

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LR

Lynn E Rodgers posted:

She is loved by many, Donna and I will miss her dearly. Marion, TX US

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JO

Jodel posted:

Dear grieving family, My wife and I are so very sorry for your tremendous loss and would like to express our condolences to the family. We cannot imagine the great pain and sorrow you are feeling during this most difficult time. When we lose someone we love so dearly, we are left with a strong desire to see that person again. It's wonderful to know God has promised that we will see our loved ones who have fallen asleep in death. John chapter 5 verses 28 and 29 gives us this wonderful reassurance: "Do not marvel at this because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life." What a marvelous hope! Once again we wish to express our condolences for your loss. And although we cannot erase the pain and sorrow you are experiencing, it is our hope that this can give you a small measure of comfort. , NY US

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John And Mary Jo Comerford posted:

Dear Mike, Angie and Chris, You are in our hearts as you travel this part of your journey. We will always cherish Peggy's great smile and sparkling eyes. She definitely made a difference in this world. May Peace be with you. Decatur, IL US

December 29 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Peggy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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