

Peggy Ann Hoeppner

May 21, 1944 ~ November 22, 2025

The world got brighter the day Peggy Ann Linscott was born to Margaret and Desler Linscott on May 20,1944—though her birth certificate lists a different date. Clearly, she was someone worth celebrating twice as often. In fact, Peggy's entire life followed a special pattern of doubles. Beyond two birthdays, she had two eye colors—one blue and one brown—a rare trait found in less than 1% of the population.

Peggy was the youngest of four children in the Linscott family: Ruth (Jim Burlison), Howard (Jeralyn Linscott), and Ruby (Harold Hoeppner). Peggy spoke fondly of her childhood in Montrose, Colorado, on the family's small sheep ranch. Some of her many highlights included crafting paper dolls with her sisters, participating in 4H, and being on the high school journalism staff.

Peggy graduated from Montrose High School in 1962. It wasn't long before she found her perfect pair, Gerald Dean Hoeppner. His brother was marrying her sister, and the unusual series of doubles continued when two sisters ultimately married two brothers (not nearly as strange as it sounds). Peggy added a second name in 1965 when she became Peggy Ann Hoeppner and moved from her home state of Colorado to Utah. For the last 25 years of her life, Peggy kept a double residency with homes in two "Lake Cities"— Salt Lake City, Utah, where she lived for the majority of each year and Lake City, Colorado, where she spent her summers.

Shortly after moving to Utah, Peggy added another set of twos—two new titles: mother and college student. She gave birth to Jeffry Dean Hoeppner in 1966, attended the University of Utah from 1967 to 1969, and gave birth to Gerald Curtis Hoeppner in 1969. In 1981, her story briefly veered off its pattern of doubles with the arrival of her daughter, Megan Irene Hoeppner. While Peggy hadn't planned for a third child, you had best not call it an "accident." She would quickly correct you with "surprise." Words always mattered to Peggy, and she used them brilliantly.

Peggy was known for her clever poetry, the picture books she wrote and illustrated for her grandchildren, the handwritten notes she added to every Christmas card ("a card is not complete without a handwritten note!"), and her thoughtful letters.

Her true-to-two life continued when she went from running her family's household to also co-owning and co-operating the family business, High Country Transport. She and Gerald did this big job together for 15 years before retiring in 2001.

Peggy kept a loving, welcoming home. It was often full of her children's friends, many of whom will tell you Peggy was like a second mom. She had a natural way of putting others at ease and bringing the laughter with her quick wit and keen sense of humor.

When it came to smarts, Peggy clearly got a second helping. She could win any game of Trivial Pursuit (her favorite), and she was once accepted to be on *Jeopardy!* (an offer the young mom naively declined, thinking it financially irresponsible to fly off to NYC to film the special Mother's Day show).

Peggy's motherhood journey doubled again when she became a mother-in-law to three: Beth (Jeff), Gina (Curt), and Cory (Megan). This ultimately brought Peggy to one of her happiest stages of life—being a grandmother. She had two sets of grandchildren—Jeff and Beth's daughters, Chandi and Jenifer, and Megan and Cory's daughters, Maggie and Lulu. And, of course, she had two original grandma names—Girl Papa and Moe.

Girl Papa/Moe was her grandkids' favorite playmate. Peggy kept notebooks full of the funny things her girls said and was always ready with a story about them, which she'd share with a big smile on her face.

Her "grand girl" scene turned great in 2019, when Jenifer (Josh) welcomed Jasper Casbolt, Peggy's only great-grandchild.

Sadly, one double in Peggy's twice-as-nice life was one we all wish she could have done without—two rounds of breast cancer. She beat it soundly in 2006, but the cancer metastasized in 2023. Peggy fought hard without the slightest complaint. Tragically, the disease ultimately brought her brilliant life to an end on November 22, 2025.

Peggy is preceded in death by her parents, her siblings, and her beautiful grandchild, Chandi.

A memorial service will be held for Peggy on Friday, November 28, 2025 at Larkin Mortuary, located at 3688 West 12600 South, Riverton, Utah. There will be time to connect with loved ones from 5:00-5:30 p.m. (MT), and a short service will immediately follow. All are invited to attend.

Those wishing to view the service via Zoom can click "Watch Service" or follow the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83929543231