

Peggy Naomi Kahler Wadsworth

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A Life Well Lived

Draper, Utah -Peggy Naomi Wadsworth, 1934 - 2025.

On a peaceful morning July 1, 2025 surrounded by family and friends, Peggy Wadsworth-age 90, was released from her earthly bonds and passed peacefully into the arms of her Heavenly Father and to a joyous reunion with her parents and family. Born July 31st, 1934 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota to Rudolph and Alice Kahler, Peggy was the oldest of three siblings (Richard LaMonte Kahler and Charlene Hyatt Kahler). Raised on a farm, Peggy soon learned the value of hard work and grew up milking cows, planting gardens and helping care for the home and younger children.

Eventually the family moved to Idaho Falls where Peggy met her future husband, Ralph Wadsworth, who was also born the same year as Peggy. They met at Idaho Falls High School, when Peggy asked Ralph to a school dance their senior year in 1952. Although they didn't go to the dance together, they fell in love and were married a year later in November, 1953. Throughout their 70 years of marriage Peggy was a faithful partner to Ralph-humble, hardworking, resourceful, loving and unselfish. In Peggy's later years, her deep love for Ralph became even more apparent, not wanting to spend a moment apart and always worried when Ralph wasn't there.

Peggy was dedicated to her husband and children and raised her boys with love and affection. She was an amazing parent to her seven sons and took every opportunity to teach her sons valuable lessons about how to be honest, giving, hard working men-leading by example.

When Peggy wasn't wrangling her boys, preparing meals and making sure the house was neat and put together she would spend her time outside reading or passing the time in her flower garden. Peggy found peace outside and watched birds, butterflies and bees fly by and pollinate her flowers. She loved watching the deer pass by and listening to the sound of the creek in her back yard while sitting peacefully soaking in the beauty of the nature of the Wasatch Mountains around her. This was a the first year Peggy did not plant flowers and the significance of it was heartbreaking to those around her.

In quieter moments you could find her in the craft room making jewelry and bookmarks either as gifts, or for herself. Peggy found joy in simple pleasures-reading books, practicing photography (at which she became very proficient) and crafting bracelets for those she loved. Peggy thoughtfully put meticulous care into every task-from making the boys' clothes by hand to hosting legendary Halloween parties, baking Christmas pastries decorated with love, and wrapping every gift with special paper and perfectly saved bows.

As Peggy watched her sons grow up and leave the nest, soon came the grandchildren whom Peggy loved and adored. She would treat her grandchildren as if they were her own children, making them feel welcome and loved with each and every conversation. Peggy would take her grandchildren through her garden to talk about each and every flower that grew there and would go down to her fruit trees and let you pick some fruit to share together.

Peggy never forgot a birthday. She always sent birthday cards, with loving handwritten messages and called every loved one and sang "Happy Birthday" over the phone. She made the time to take each grandchild out to lunch and make them feel special. It was heartbreaking to all when Alzheimer's eventually stole those cherished moments away from us as she struggled with her memory. Her every moment was dedicated to her family and she always spoke of her boys with great pride.

Peggy was also a devoted, loving daughter to her aging parents. She faithfully and lovingly cared for them during their final years. She had a very close bond with her father Rudy whom she always referred to as "Daddy"--visiting him in the rest home nearly every day for six years. After Rudy passed her mother soon found herself in a rest home as well --suffering from Alzheimer's and for the next three years Peggy dutifully visited her mother even though with the passing of time her mother eventually didn't even recognize her. She sat with both parents at their moment of passing, comforting them, holding their hand and whispering goodbye. The example she set for us all is a testament to how you should treat family and parents.

Peggy was always the most beautiful woman in any room. Wherever she went both men and women would stop to stare at this amazing woman. She had a natural flair for fashion and design, even though she was not one to spend money on herself. She had style, always dressed like a lady and carried herself like a movie star! Peggy always looked her very best no matter what. She took pride in her appearance and demeanor, always looking great with her beautiful necklaces, bracelets and fancy sunglasses. Peggy loved to go out to eat with family and friends whether that be breakfast, lunch or dinner and every meal came with a drink which she thoroughly enjoyed.

Peggy also loved to spend time in her Arizona house taking care of the yard or sitting by the pool. She loved spending time outside, whether she was just sitting on the porch or walking around in her garden. If the sun was shining she would be out there. She was always up for adventure, whether that meant hopping on the back of Ralph's Harley to ride to Jackson, or taking the grandkids camping or simply building a fire in the mountains.

Peggy's sacrifices, values, and leadership set examples for everyone, but mainly for her sons. The construction companies that the Wadsworth family has built continue to be successful in large part to Peggy's influence on the boys. She worked hard every day, setting an example of how life was meant to be lived. Peggy was an icon, a beloved matriarch, and the true heart of the Wadsworth family. The success of the family she and Ralph built together is rooted in Peggy's sacrifices, values and example. She set a high bar for her sons and grandchildren to work hard, honor their commitments and serve their communities. We shall all strive not to disappoint her.

Peggy was many things; she was a sister, daughter, aunt, mom, grandma, and great grandma. In Peggy's last few days with us she was surrounded by her loved ones and was given the best care we could offer. Her family made sure that she was comfortable and that she was at peace. Now as she returns to her Heavenly Father she is loved, remembered, and deeply missed by her husband Ralph and their seven sons Guy, Cal, Con, Tod, Kip, Ty and Nic, along with their spouses and families including 24 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She will forever and always be loved and missed.

Services for Peggy Wadsworth will be held at Larkin Sunset Gardens at 1910 Dimple Dell Road, Sandy, UT 84092. A viewing will be held Wednesday, July 9 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm and again Thursday, July 10 from 10:00 – 10:45 am immediately before the service at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers donations to the Alzheimer's Association are encouraged (225 N Michigan Ave. Floor 17 Chicago, IL 60601).