



Mrs. Margaret "Peggy" Bagli Otenasek

January 1, 1933 - December 6, 2024

Margaret "Peggy" Bagli Otenasek passed away peacefully on December 6, 2024. Faith, family, friends, and music were the bedrock of her life. Born on January 1, 1933, Peggy was a lifelong resident of her beloved hometown of Baltimore, except for a brief period when her young family lived in Bethesda, Maryland. She was a loyal and proud alumna of Notre Dame Preparatory School, Class of 1951 and Notre Dame of Maryland University, where she graduated with a BA in 1985. As a young girl and teen, Peggy trained at the Peabody Institute and contemplated a career as a concert pianist. Her life's trajectory changed with her father's death when she was 17. It was then that she decided to become a nurse and entered nurse's training at Union Memorial Hospital. Later Peggy worked at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. While there, she met the love of her life and future husband, Richard J. Otenasek, Jr., a medical student training to be a neurosurgeon. Peggy and Dick married in January 1958. They were blessed with six children and 38 wonderful years of marriage. During that time, Peggy continued to share her love of music, starting a musical theater elective at the Cathedral School where her children attended. She, along with a few friends, wrote, directed, and produced original musicals that the students performed in for many years. When Peggy decided to later pursue a college degree, she earned many credits for her work on these musicals. After years of hard work, she earned her BA from Notre Dame of Maryland University. On a beautiful late spring day in 1985, Peggy walked across the stage to receive her diploma with her six children, husband, and

family dog proudly cheering her on in the audience at the outdoor graduation ceremony. In the years that followed Peggy continued to share her musical talents, serving as the accompanist for the Gilman Lower School choir and The Larks, a musical group of the Junior League of Baltimore. One of the defining events in Peggy's and her family's life was the tragic death of her beloved youngest daughter, Lindsey, in the bombing of Pan Am 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland on December 21, 1988. Shortly after this, Peggy and a few other mothers started a grief support group for other women who had lost children. This group grew in size and impact over the years. Dick's untimely death in 1996 was another great loss for Peggy and her family. Through these great sorrows, Peggy's deep and abiding faith, her loving family, many friends, and her music continued to bring her much comfort. Her unshakable faith and trust in the Lord inspired all who knew her. Despite her many trials and sorrows, Peggy remained an inspiration to all with her warmth, hospitality, and faith-filled living. "Keep your eyes on the Lord," was her credo, and she lived that each and every day.

She is survived by her loving children, Catherine O. Levitas and husband Michael, Page O. Kozak and husband Mark, Richard J. Otenasek, III and wife Sallie, Francis H. Otenasek and wife Courtney, and John H. Otenasek; her cherished grandchildren Anne L. Kozak, Michael E. Kozak and wife Nushi Baksh, David T. Kozak and wife Megan, Daniel Levitas Deabler and wife Gabrielle Deabler, Matthew P. Levitas and wife Morgan, Benjamin D. Levitas and wife Melanie Zheng, Richard J. Otenasek IV, Chase M. Otenasek, Jeffrey D. Otenasek, Heath S. Otenasek, Blake W. Otenasek, and Drue C. Otenasek; three great grandchildren; sisters-in-law Lynn Bagli and Jean Bagli; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and daughter, Peggy was predeceased by her parents Dr. Francis "Frank" L. Bagli and Elizabeth "Betty" O'Connor Bagli, and her siblings Vincent "Vince" Bagli, Josephine "Jo" Gugerty, and Francis "Frank" L. Bagli, Jr.

Friends may call at Mitchell-Wiedefeld Funeral Home on FRIDAY December 20 from 2-4 pm and again from 6-8 pm. A funeral mass will be held on SATURDAY December 21 at 11 am at The Cathedral of Mary our Queen with visitation 10 am - 10:45 am.

The family kindly asks in place of flowers that donations be made in Peggy's name to the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Baltimore (<https://cc-md.org/> then click donate or by mail to: Attention: Bill McCarthy Catholic Charities 320 Cathedral Street Baltimore, MD 21201)

The Funeral Mass will be livestreamed beginning at 10:55 am on December 21st. The link is <https://www.youtube.com/cathedralofmary> . There is no tech support provided so it is advised to practice accessing the link in advance of the Funeral Mass. Masses are live streamed at 7 AM daily, 5 PM Saturday, and 11 AM Sunday.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Homeland

233 Homeland Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21212

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **20**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.
6500 York Road
Baltimore, MD 21212
(410) 377-8300
general@mwfuneralhome.com

Visitation

DEC **20**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.
6500 York Road
Baltimore, MD 21212
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Visitation

DEC 21. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Cathedral Mary Our Queen
5200 N. Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21210

Funeral Mass

DEC 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cathedral Mary Our Queen
5200 N. Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21210

Tribute Wall

AR

“ I am a student that benefits from the generosity and kindness that Mrs. Otenasek extends. I am beyond grateful for the opportunities she has given me. May she rest in peace.

Arissa O.

Arissa - December 21, 2024 at 10:06 AM

TS

“ Peggy was one of the nicest people I have ever met at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. Her deep Faith was inspiring. Years later, I had the opportunity to thank her for serving as the accompanist for the Gilman Lower School Choir, directed by Mrs. Sue Dickey. She was thrilled that I was so grateful for her dedication to our sons.

My condolences to the Otenasek family. Rest in peace, dear Peggy

Talia R. Sheridan

Talia R. Sheridan - December 20, 2024 at 04:09 PM

WB

“ I was one of those students who participated in the Cathedral School musicals with Mrs. Otenasek and Mrs. Dickey and I grew up with many of the Otenaseks and Baglis. I consider Lindsey a friend and stayed in touch with Peggy over the years, sharing memories and her love for service to others. Peggy made sure Lindsey's legacy of service was known to all the girls that followed at NDP and to students throughout the Archdiocese with scholarships and awards in her name.

May you find comfort that Peggy, Dick and Lindsey are all together again in eternal rest. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. December 21 is forever etched on my heart.

Willis Gunther Baker

Willis Gunther Baker - December 19, 2024 at 12:00 PM

GD

“ Peggy was one of Sue's dearest friends and a musical collaborator for many years at both Cathedral and Gilman Schools. May she rest in peace.

Ed Dickey

George E Dickey - December 17, 2024 at 09:25 AM

SS

“ I enjoyed soliciting Peggy for contributions to Gould Farm. She was a fine lady and very generous. My condolences to the family and specially to Richard in particular as the family member that I knew. Best wishes, Steve Schwartz

Steven Schwartz - December 16, 2024 at 01:03 PM

MG

“ Margaret Otenasek, we recognize you and pay homage to your dedication to the profession of nursing. We extend our deepest sympathies to your family, friends and colleagues.

Respectfully,

The Maryland Nurse Honor Guard



Maryland Nurse Honor Guard - December 13, 2024 at 08:11 PM

RS

“ I have wonderful memories of one of the most inquisitive person's I've ever met. We had long conversations on many occasions in the apartment on Wyndhurst. She took me under her wing as soon as we began the Cristo Rey project and supported the school and always encouraged me. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. Peggy continues now as one of our greatest advocates!

Rev. John Swope, SJ - December 12, 2024 at 08:57 AM

TD

“ A donation has been made to Catholic Charities of Baltimore, in memory of Peggy, from The Derry Township School Nurses.

Tracie dawson - December 11, 2024 at 10:12 AM