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Margaret “Peggy” Malone West, beloved wife of nearly 60 years, devoted mother of three sons,

and doting grandmother, passed away peacefully Friday, January 30, surrounded by family

members at the University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center.

Peggy’s first and foremost focus was on her family, but she also embraced her community as a

much-loved teacher for 25 years at Brown Memorial Weekday School, as a board member for

Calvert School for ten years, and as a volunteer at local organizations, including the Assistance

Center of Towson Churches.

Peggy was born May 11, 1943, in Memphis, Tennessee, to William Battle Malone II M.D. and

Alice Allen Malone. In high school, Peggy attended Hutchison School in Memphis and

graduated in 1961 from Principia School in St. Louis. She then went to Mary Baldwin College

in Staunton, Virginia, graduating in 1965. In her junior year she met John Henry West III, known

to all as “Butch,” a student at nearby Washington & Lee University. As Peggy recalled it later, she had reluctantly agreed to a friend’s arrangement for a “blind date” at W&L on a weekday evening. When Peggy arrived, the date was a no-show, and Butch, who had already had his eye on Peggy, stepped in.

They married on April 30, 1966 and only months later spent almost a year apart while Butch served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. Upon Butch’s return, the couple settled in Lexington, Virginia while Butch attended Washington & Lee University School of Law and Peggy taught art at Lexington High School. They moved to Virginia Beach, where Butch clerked for a federal judge in nearby Norfolk and then settled in Butch’s hometown of Baltimore on Mossway, where they spent twelve wonderful years raising their three sons, John, Jay, and Allen. In 1983, the family moved to Bellemore Road in the Orchards. As their sons finished their education and moved away, the Bellemore Road home became the frequent and happy gathering place for their extended family, including six grandchildren. Peggy and Butch moved to Blakehurst in Towson in 2025.

Peggy was a lifelong Christian Scientist and member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Towson for over fifty years, serving in numerous roles, including as First Reader and Sunday school teacher.

She loved her book club, playing bridge with friends, and spending hours digging in her garden, cultivating beautiful flowers and plants at her Bellemore Road home. She made hosting family dinners and celebrating holidays appear effortless, and guests felt her welcoming warmth. Peggy loved animals and had numerous dogs, including Sasha, Cinder, Tarby, and Katie, and cats, including Marmalade and Grazer, over the years. “The best remedy for sadness over losing a dog is to get a new puppy,” she used to say. Never a sportswoman, she adopted Butch’s great affection for the Baltimore Orioles, attending spring training in Florida numerous times and countless games at both Memorial Stadium and Camden Yards, and the Colts and Ravens. She loved taking daily walks and took up golf in her 60s to spend more time with Butch.

Peggy and Butch owned a house in Amelia Island, Florida for 16 years and hosted many memorable vacations with friends and family and cherished the time with their children and grandchildren there. Peggy loved walking and biking under the canopy of ancient live oaks and on trails through marshes, observing and photographing the many different species of birds, and spending time on the island’s beautiful beaches and golf courses. Peggy also loved to explore the world and took many trips with family and friends, including to Europe, Russia, Southeast

Asia, Africa, the Galapagos Islands, and Alaska.

Peggy remained close to her siblings, Allen Malone, of Memphis, Julia Malone, of Washington,

DC, and Avery Kaserman, of Memphis, and their families, as well as numerous cousins,

throughout her life. In addition, Peggy was very close to Butch's sisters, Jay Riggs, of

Nantucket, Massachusetts, Mollie Neblett, of Lutherville, Maryland, and Annie West, of

Beaufort, South Carolina, and their families.

Peggy expressed kindness to everyone that she encountered in every aspect of her life. She had

the gift of gentle humor that lifted burdens in the tough times. Her funniest jokes were aimed at

herself. She lived a rich life imbued with a spirit of love that will be so missed but that remains a

shining example to all who knew her.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents, Battle and Alice Malone, and her brother, Allen

Malone. She is survived by her husband, Butch, her son, John, her son, Jay, and his wife,

Allison, her son, Allen, and his wife, Pajit, her grandchildren, Taylor, Ella Kate, Cammy,

Aunchisa, Mia, and Matthew, her sisters, Julia Malone and Avery Kaserman, and numerous

cousins, nieces, nephews, and godchildren, all of whom Peggy loved dearly.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 14, at Calvert School, in the

Middle School auditorium, located at 4300 N. Charles Street. A reception will follow the service

at the Elkridge Club, 6100 N. Charles Street.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Peggy's memory to the Assistance Center of Towson Churches, 116 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, MD 21204, or Calvert School, 105 Tuscany Road, Baltimore, MD 21210.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvert Middle School Auditorium
4300 N. Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21218

Tribute Wall

NS

“ *My deepest sympathies to you Butch, I just heard the news while in Memphis putting my mom to her final resting place at Elmwood. Peggy truly was the warmest, most loving fun friend from Mom's childhood. I remember her mother Alice so fondly and can only hope Peggy and Mom are laughing in heaven playing bridge together again. Sending well wishes to you all. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing.*



Nelle Somerville - April 03 at 08:41 AM

DH

“ *Peggy was wonderful; a person you only meet a few times in your life. She was caring, generous, and a great model for younger adults. We had many good times(memories) and are so grateful to have you as a role model during our early years of parenting. We had the honor of Peggy being a godmother to one of our children, Natalie. Thank you Peggy for all your love, the Hamiltons*

Dana Hamilton - February 12 at 08:06 PM

MB

“ *What a wonderful lady, loved and admired by many. We sure will miss her.
My deepest sympathy to Butch and the entire family.....Mac Barrett*

Mac Barrett - February 06 at 06:16 PM

JG

“ Dear Butch and Family, our deepest condolences!

One of the true joys of moving back to Baltimore and into the Orchards in 2014 was being greeted by, and then getting to know Peggy, and Butch!

We feel honored to have known her. Sincerely, Pat and Kate Gugerty

J Patrick Gugerty - February 06 at 10:33 AM

TY

“ Butch, you were so lucky to be married to the queen of 21210. She was absolutely the best. Remember all that she did with you and for you and she will live in your heart forever.

Tom Young and the Queen of 21208

Thomas Young - February 04 at 09:14 PM

JL

“ I'm so glad I got to know Peggy, sister of my good friend Julia. She exuded grace and warmth and humor and all around living person.

Joanne Leedom-Ackermnsn - February 04 at 05:56 PM

AG

“ From the day she entered Blakehurst she smiled her beautiful smile. She interacted with everyone and Butch was always by her side. They adjusted in a way everyone was drawn to them. Thank you for your brief stay here.

anne grieves - February 03 at 08:53 AM