



Margaret "Peggy" Spagnola

March 10, 1949 - July 21, 2021

Peggy Spagnola passed away after an unexpected and brief illness at 72 years old surrounded by her family.

Originally from New Rochelle, Peggy was a graduate of New Rochelle High School and Berkeley business school. She worked at IBM while married to Carmine Napolitano and had two children Dawn and Christopher. She later remarried Walter Spagnola and they moved their family to Warwick and most recently Middletown, New York. Walter predeceased her in December 2020.

Peggy worked for many years at Mental Health Associates as a Family Support Coordinator for Families of Adults with Mental Illness and an instructor for NAMI Family to Family. She was passionate in her advocacy for Mental Illness and was a much respected speaker and trainer throughout her career there.

Peggy spent most of her summers at the Jersey Shore with her beloved partner Walter, who died from Covid in December. She was happiest at the beach and loved to be in the sun with a good book and the water at her feet. Peggy was a devoted mother and grandmother to daughter Dawn (Larry) Natale and son Chris, as well as her 3 grandchildren Joseph, Michael and Lia. She is survived by her sister Barbara (Bob) Staffaroni, her daughters Laura and Carla, and her many cousins and their families.

In lieu of flowers you may donate to Mental Health Associates or the charity of your choice.

A Public Visitation will be held at 2-4PM and 6-8PM on July 26th at Martinez-

Morse Funeral Home, 33 Railroad Ave., Middletown NY. Additionally, there will be a Memorial Service on July 27th at the funeral home from 11AM -12PM.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

JUL **26.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Martinez-Morse Funeral Home
33 Railroad Ave
Middletown, NY 10940
(845) 343-6918
martinezmorsefcs@gmail.com
<https://www.MartinezFuneralHomes.com/>

Public Visitation

JUL **26.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

JUL **27.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Martinez Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret "Peggy" Spagnola*



Martinez Funeral Homes - July 23, 2021 at 03:59 PM

NC

On behalf of the Joint Membership of Health and Community Agencies (JMHCA) I want to express my condolences to her family. Peggy was a great advocate within our system of care for people with mental illness as well as for family members and served as a JMHCA officer for many years. We are grateful for Peggy's unwavering commitment to families and their needs but most importantly for being a champion for quality mental health services, wellness and recovery.

Nolly Climes

Nolly Climes - July 26, 2021 at 01:55 PM

JO

Peggy Spagnola was a force. I had the honor and privilege of working with her as a volunteer for years at the Orange County Mental Health Association and NAMI. Peggy gave us families all of her devotion, attention, advocacy. She gave us our lives back. I was honored to be her friend. There will never be a Peg Spagnola again and I will make it my mission to have a scholarship or honor permanently set up in her name. I loved Peg like a sister. My love to all of her family.

JoAnne "Mar" Omar

JoAnne Omar - July 28, 2021 at 12:26 PM

JP

So sorry to hear that my cousin Peggy has passed away and also her husband Walter as well.

While I haven't seen them in quite some time, I'll always have great memories of Peggy, Walter, Aunt Mil, Uncle Tom, Aunt Meg, Uncle Caesar, Stacie, Steve, Susie, Barbra and everyone over the years at various family gatherings. What fun, such fine memories. I wish all the best Peggy's family and all of us as we continue moving on down the road of life.

John Paul - July 28, 2021 at 12:51 PM

CC

So sorry to read about peggy passing

*I have some of the best memories of
Laughing and being at hudson park with peg and our kids or at the park.*

*My deepest sympathy to sister Barbara, Dawn, Chris and family
Chris Camillone*

Christine Camillone - July 29, 2021 at 02:27 AM

JS

“ *Peggy was a ray of sunshine here at MHA. She was a fierce advocate, and had such a refreshing spirit and outlook about systems of care. She will be so missed. My heartfelt condolences to her family.*

Judy Stanger

Judy Stanger - July 26, 2021 at 12:39 PM

DM

“ *Darcie Miller lit a candle in memory of
Margaret "Peggy" Spagnola*



Darcie Miller - July 26, 2021 at 11:44 AM

DM

In my role at Orange County Department of Mental Health, I had the honor of working with Peggy as she shared her heart and her passion with Orange County. Her work highlighting family voice, educating, and supporting families and our community has left a legacy that is part of the foundation of our system of care. I extend my condolences to her family and friends. Peggy was well loved and respected. She will be missed. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to you in this time of sorrow. Darcie Miller

Darcie Miller - July 26, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margaret "Peggy" Spagnola.



July 26, 2021 at 03:47 AM

NA

“ It was my privilege to work with Peggy for over a decade at MHA. Her passionate advocacy for the rights of individuals with a mental illness was inspirational and impactful. She truly loved and valued her family and was so proud of Dawn, Christopher, and her grandchildren. She was an amazing role model to us all. Undoubtedly, Peggy has left a legacy and the world is a better place because of her contributions. I will miss her dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with her family during this challenging time. With my deepest sympathy, Nadia Allen

Nadia Allen - July 25, 2021 at 10:21 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret "Peggy" Spagnola.*



July 24, 2021 at 10:34 PM



“ *Dawn, I was so sorry to hear of your mom's short illness and death. One memory that comes to mind is the time you, your mom, Donna and I went to Disney. It was such a fun girls trip. Throughout the years I have thought of that trip with fond memories. Peg was a person who was easy to talk to and would crack a joke with a dry sense of humor. I enjoyed her company.*

Bill and I planned on going to the services but unfortunately we are out of town Monday and Tuesday. You have been through a lot in a short amount of time losing 3 parents. Love and prayers

Peggy Cirillo

Peggy Cirillo - July 24, 2021 at 10:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margaret "Peggy" Spagnola.*



July 24, 2021 at 03:44 PM

CA

“ Chris Ashman lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Peggy" Spagnola



Chris Ashman - July 24, 2021 at 02:45 PM

CA

“ Peggy was a wonderful volunteer, advocate, colleague, and friend. Orange County's system of mental health services is better for her having been a part of it. She was a mentor, teacher, and support to many families in the community. Her work at MHA and NAMI was dedicated, committed, and inspirational. She will be missed by many, and has earned all of our respect. Rest in Peace Peggy - we'll take it from here.

Chris Ashman

Orange County Commissioner of Mental Health (Ret)

Chris Ashman - July 24, 2021 at 02:44 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Margaret "Peggy" Spagnola.



July 24, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Margaret "Peggy" Spagnola.*



July 24, 2021 at 12:00 PM



“ *Peggy contributed so much to the community graciously and selflessly. She was always there with her wisdom and energy to help families and many others understand emotional and developmental needs, and to help with adversities. Her beauty and kindness will be greatly missed by all.*

Pat Quinn

Patricia Quinn - July 24, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *KAREN SMITH lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Peggy" Spagnola*



KAREN SMITH - July 24, 2021 at 07:54 AM



Peggy will be missed at Wildflowers

KAREN SMITH - July 24, 2021 at 07:55 AM



“ Vandermeulen Family lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Peggy" Spagnola



Vandermeulen Family - July 23, 2021 at 08:20 PM



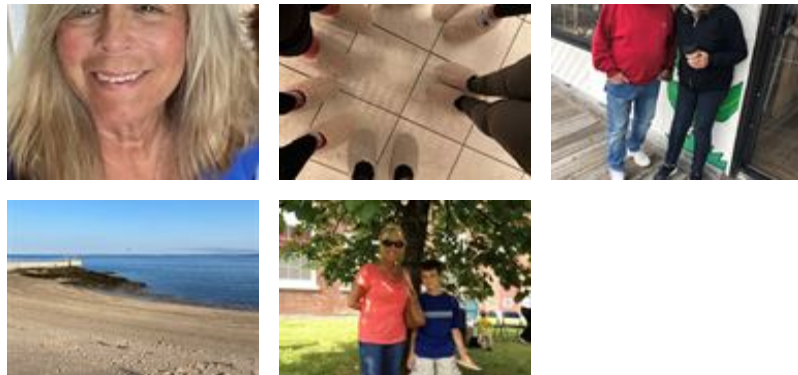
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret "Peggy" Spagnola.



July 23, 2021 at 07:29 PM



“ 30 files added to the album LifeTributes



Martinez Funeral Homes - July 23, 2021 at 03:58 PM

WS

“ Wayne and Susan purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Margaret "Peggy" Spagnola.



Wayne and Susan - July 23, 2021 at 12:53 PM

AR

“ I grew up with Peggys daughter Dawn and have such fond memories of visiting their house frequently. Her and Walter always made me feel as though I was part of the family. I remember lots of laughs and great people who had a beautiful bond with their children. My heart goes out to Chris and Dawn during this time. Rest in paradise Mrs. Spagnola. Thank you for being such a big part of my childhood.

Andrea Palumbo Racanelli - July 22, 2021 at 07:36 PM

LS

“ When I think of Peggy I think of family vacations at the shore, laughing until we cried, Hunter Mountain, dancing to the oldies and her devotion to her family.

Linda Swift - July 22, 2021 at 07:24 PM

SM

“ Peggy was one of the most wonderful people I ever had the pleasure to meet and work with. She was a passionate advocate and an inspiration to all. And we shared a love of shoes! My thoughts and prayers are with her family and others who loved her.
Susan Miller

Susan Miller - July 22, 2021 at 05:13 PM



“ *Peggy was one of the nicest person I ever worked with, She truly loved helping people, I loved all the family picnics she did every year, so many wonderful memories at MHA,*



Sally Ferdon Lewis - July 22, 2021 at 03:00 PM



“ *Carolee Maurice lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Peggy" Spagnola*



Carolee Maurice - July 22, 2021 at 01:25 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret "Peggy" Spagnola.*



July 22, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret "Peggy" Spagnola.*



July 22, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margaret "Peggy" Spagnola.



July 22, 2021 at 08:47 AM



“ To Peggy’s family I am so sorry for your loss. Peggy helped me and many others she was wonderful at what she did, she help me learn how to survive when I didn’t think I could. Rest In Peace Peggy you will be so missed.

Linda Hopper - July 22, 2021 at 08:33 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Peggy’s passing. We worked together for many years at MHA and it was a true pleasure for me. Peggy and I enjoyed many interesting conversations, personal and professional, throughout the years. We often spoke about our love for cats and shared stories about our families. When it came to helping a client or even just to bounce something off somebody, I always knew I could count on Peggy for her compassion, wisdom, and caring. Please accept my condolences and know that Peggy had a positive impact on my life.

Wendy L. - July 22, 2021 at 06:28 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret "Peggy" Spagnola.*



July 22, 2021 at 12:39 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margaret "Peggy" Spagnola.*



July 21, 2021 at 08:56 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Margaret "Peggy" Spagnola.*



July 21, 2021 at 08:12 PM