



Mrs. Margaret O'Brien Smyly

June 16, 1944 - November 23, 2020

Margaret O'Brien Smyly, 76, of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away on Monday, November 23, 2020, while surrounded by her family.

Born in Jackson Heights, New York City, New York, on June 16, 1944, she was a daughter of the late Everett Melvin and Margaret Stuart Slater O'Brien.

She earned both a Bachelor of Science and Master of Education from the University of Florida, and worked as a Science Teacher at Rickards High School, a Guidance Counselor at Godby High School and also worked for the Department of Education. Following her educational career, she became a Senior Policy Analyst with Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability. After retiring from OPPAGA, she became a part-time travel agent.

In her spare time, she enjoyed quilting, traveling, living the RV lifestyle, scalloping at St. Marks and motorcycling in the Smokies.

She is survived by her husband, Edward Stephen Budzyna; step-son, Jason Edward Budzyna (wife, Jordan); and grandchildren, Laurel Taylor Budzyna and Alex Budzyna.

No services are planned at this time. Memorial donations may be made to the

Tallahassee Animal Shelter. Online condolences may be expressed at www.abbeyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 562-1518
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

Tribute Wall

TH

“Peggy was a special neighbor to us when we moved to Tallahassee. For the past 20 years she was like an aunt to our children. She took them on many adventures through the years. We all miss her dearly.

Tonia Haymans - June 29, 2021 at 07:21 PM

MH

“Peggy was a very lovely person who I met when she attended Lifelong Learning classes with the Tallahassee Senior Center. She will be missed. So sorry for your loss!
Maureen Haberfeld
Lifelong Learning Coordinator
Tallahassee Senior Center

Maureen Haberfeld - December 08, 2020 at 04:24 PM

KP

“ *What a wonderful laugh and smile she had!! I came to know Peggy through my mother, Grace Ralston. They became friends in the Tallahassee Quilt Guild. My mother only lived in Tallahassee for 10 years, but a truer friend she never had. When my mother returned to Albuquerque, Peggy visited the SW several times bringing several of their quilting friends. They loved visiting Taos and Santa Fe together!! When Mom celebrated her 100th birthday, Peggy found a 100th birthday card and got it signed by many quilters. As my mother aged, Peggy sent jokes, animated cards, etc via email, cards and flowers, and puzzles with larger pieces. Oh, how my sister and I loved this gal for staying in touch so faithfully with Mom. A caring person, she was. I am so pleased to have known her and sorry to hear of her passing.*

K Pace

Kay pace - December 03, 2020 at 01:14 PM

RF

“ *Ed....I am sorry to learn of the passing of your wife, Peggy.. She was, I'm sure, a great companion to you over these many years. May you be comforted in time by your best memories of her. My deepest sympathy. Richard Fougere*

Richard Fougere - November 30, 2020 at 09:28 PM

GE

“ *I met Peggy when she and her husband, Ed were on one of their many road trips through Virginia. I have known Ed since growing up together in East Douglas, Mass. She was a wonderful person. My Wife Barbara and I send our sincere condolences to you for your loss.*

George and Barbara Lewis

George - November 30, 2020 at 05:01 PM

SE

“ I actually worked in the committee next door to the committee where Peggy came every legislative session to help out, after she's already put in over 30 years with the State of FL. She was the best legislative OPS EVER! She and I hit it off right away. I never had to wonder what she thought of something I'd say or do, cause she'd tell me. A true friend. She didn't just tell you something to make you feel good, she give it to you straight. I appreciated that and it was the way I needed to hear it. She made me better; stronger. I got a chance in recent years to meet and get to know Ed as well. I am so happy that they came into my life. I'm just sorry she had to leave. She never seemed the age she was, she always seemed younger. I'll miss my friend, our lunches and visits and our great conversations. Rest in peace dear one.

Shirlyne Everette - November 30, 2020 at 04:01 PM

KV

“ I worked with Peggy for many years. She was also a friend that offered direct common sense advice. So glad she was able to enjoy retirement which we talked of often while working together. Kathy Voigt

Kathy Voigt - November 29, 2020 at 07:28 PM

PS

“*Regrettably I had not had the honor of getting to know Peggy, which is how my good friend Ed always referred to the cherished wife he loved so dearly, however I do know Ed. A finer gentleman I have not known; kind, caring, loving husband and father. If you know Ed you will have an understanding of what a fine Lady Peggy must be. God be with you Ed and your family. Much Love and True Blessings.*

Philip Stuart



Philip Stuart - November 26, 2020 at 03:25 PM