



Mrs. Margaret M. "Peg" Lally

March 25, 2022

Margaret M. Lally

LOWELL – Margaret M. (Murphy) Lally passed away peacefully at home on March 25th at age 97 with her family by her side. Margaret, also known as “Margie”, “Peg”, Peggy”, “Nana Peg” “Aunt Margie”, “Ma Lally” and “Ma” was born in Lowell in 1924 the beloved and youngest daughter of six children of Patrick and Catherine (O’Riordan) Murphy of Gleanntan, Town of Mallow, Ireland. She attended the Butler Junior High School where she was a two-time Spelling Bee Champion and was a 1941 graduate of Lowell High School. Margaret met her husband Albert “Harold” Lally of Lowell, at The Commodore Ballroom in 1950 as they both enjoyed dancing. They married in October 1951 and enjoyed 40 years of marriage until Harold passed away in 1992. She was a life-long member of the former Sacred Heart Parish in Lowell where she held membership in the Holy Rosary Sodality and served for many years as a Eucharist Minister.

After high school Margaret enjoyed a career as a clerk at the Lincoln Stores and then the Courier Citizen. After she raised her children she was employed by the Lowell School Department as a para-professional at Lowell High School, Rogers Elementary and Butler Elementary Schools.

She loved travelling and enjoyed trips all around New England and all over the United States and Ireland visiting family and friends. She was a terrific travelling companion and greatly enjoyed her twice yearly trips to Cape Cod. Margaret enjoyed the friendship and companionship of “The Girls” and their

monthly lunches, phone calls and get togethers. She was a big fan of Jeopardy and really liked the nightly phone call from one particularly good friend, Louise Gill. They would compare answers to see who got Final Jeopardy and discuss the qualifications of the evening's contestants.

For almost 25 years Margaret was found behind the scenes working as Stage Manager and Stage Mother for the Standing Room Only (SRO) Players. She was affectionately known as just "Ma" to the cast, crew and audiences. She even assisted with costumes one year by crocheting 30 scarfs during rehearsals for the cast to wear in one production number.

Margaret is survived by her sons, Michael Lally of Lowell and Brian Lally and his wife, Judy, of Smithfield, VA. She was "Nana Peg" to four grandchildren, Erin Nesslage and husband Brian, Sean Lally and his wife Sarah, Kristin Munford and her husband Herbert, Tim Wenk and his wife Melissa. She was so pleased to be "Nana Peg" to nine great grandchildren: Terra, Brooke, and Bennett Nesslage; Sean Lally; Hartley and Hazel Wenk, Alexandra King, Brian Gorsuch, Caliyah Munford and one great, great grandchild, Hudson King. She loved the kids and enjoyed their many FaceTime visits over the years. She was also blessed with 22 nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Harold, she was predeceased by her son, Kevin Lally and his partner, Sheldon Cox; her Godchild Tom Warrington; by her wonderful brothers, Dennis "Joe" Murphy, Daniel "Ed" Murphy and his wives, Claire and Alice (Dolan); John Murphy and Helen of Seattle, WA; sisters Hanora "Alice" Warrington and her husband Percy "Pat"; and Catherine Coleman and her husband Warren "Joe" Coleman.

You are invited to attend her wake on Friday, April 1st at the Fay McCabe Funeral Home at 105 Moore St. Lowell from 3 to 7 p.m. In addition, you are invited to attend her funeral Mass on Saturday, April 2, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 144 East Merrimack St. Lowell,

MA 01852. Burial to follow at Saint Patrick Cemetery, Lowell. Her family completely understands if you cannot attend; please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to either The Brush Art Gallery and Studios, Lowell, MA www.thebrush.org 978-459-7819 or the Lowell Association for the Blind at www.lowellassociationfortheblind.org 978-454-5704.

Arrangements by Fay McCabe Funeral Home, 105 Moore St. Lowell.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

1251 Gorham Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 458-8464
<http://www.stpatrickcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR 1. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home
105 Moore Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 459-9222
sean@faymccabe.com
<https://www.faymccabe.com>

Funeral Mass

APR 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Church
144 East Merrimack Street
Lowell, MA 01852

Burial

APR 2. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Margaret M. "Peg" Lally*

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



David Conole - April 02, 2022 at 10:18 AM



Peggy was always present in the most important events and celebrations of the Conole family. May she Rest In Peace.

David Conole - April 02, 2022 at 10:21 AM



“ *What a wonderful woman you were. It's amazing what an impact you had on everyone, you were loved by so many. We all think about you, and we talk about wonderful memories. You will never be forgotten. It was an honor to be one of your girls at Good Thymes and I enjoyed spoiling you as much as I could. You had such a distinctive smile that will be missed. Now when I offered chicken rice soup it will be with a tear in my eye. We will hold you close to our hearts and there you will remain, until we meet again. 🙏*

Marcia - April 01, 2022 at 10:55 PM



“ We all will miss Peg and her wonderful smile, but will be happy that she is enjoying her time in Heaven with Jesus, Harold, Kevin and her Lowell and her old Sacred Heart neighbors and friends. May we all meet again! Mary Neylon

Mary Daily Neylon - March 31, 2022 at 02:44 PM



“ Michael and Family,
With heartfelt Sympathy on the loss of your beautiful Mom.
Nancy Montbleau

Nancy Montbleau - March 31, 2022 at 06:42 AM



“ Michael, Brian and Family, I am very sorry to hear about the passing of your wonderful Mother. Ma Lally was a wonderful woman to talk with. I use to get a kick out of how she would blame me for her not winning at bingo when I was the caller. I would say to her Jesus told me that you didn't need the money and she would give me a big laugh. I sure hope and pray that she is with her Husband and son Kevin and all the rest of her family and friends. May she be blessed in her new spiritual life until we all meet again. May she forever rest in peace.



Fred Magnant

Fred Magnant - March 30, 2022 at 02:46 PM

AL

“ Michael and family,
I am so sorry for everyone’s loss. It was always a pleasure serving
Ma at Good Thymes. I will forever miss her more than words can
explain. I was one of “her girls” at Good Thymes and will forever
cherish the moments. Michael & Ma was not just a customer to me;
I consider y’all family and just wish I had one last moment to talk to
MA. I will see you at the crossroads 🙏 Rest in Heavenly Peace

Amber Lafond - March 30, 2022 at 01:46 PM

JQ

“ Michael and Brian . Peg was a beautiful person who always spread
rays of sunshine upon every one she greeted. Sorry for your loss.
She will be missed but her memories will last forever.

John Quigley - March 30, 2022 at 08:52 AM

JC

“ Michael & Family,
We were saddened to hear of the loss of your mother and send our
deepest condolences to you and every member of your family. It
must have been wonderful to have her in your lives for so many
years, and were sure that she will be missed by all who knew and
loved her.
Sending our prayers and thoughts to you,
Jim & Irene Coates-Lowell

James & Irene Coates - March 30, 2022 at 06:56 AM

SR

“ Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Margaret M. "Peg" Lally



Sean & Erin Rourke - March 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM