



Peggy Roark

March 14, 2017

Margaret (Peggy) Head Roark, 76, of Buford, Georgia died peacefully at Hospice Atlanta on March 14, 2017 after a brief illness. Mrs. Roark was born on January 22, 1941 in Athens, Georgia, the daughter of the late George Head, Jr. and Elsie Brown Head. She was a graduate of Athens High School and the University of Georgia, where she majored in music. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority and Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity. She met her husband, the Reverend Doctor John Hauser Roark, when she was in high school and he was a student at the University of Georgia. They married in 1962 and moved to Atlanta where he was a student at Columbia Theological Seminary. Following his graduation from seminary, they lived in Courtland, Alabama; Athens, Georgia; Roanoke, Virginia; Stone Mountain, Georgia; and Buford, Georgia. She taught hundreds of piano students for 55 years, retiring only two months ago. She was the quintessential minister's wife, with an incredible gift of hospitality. A consummate cook and hostess, she entertained hundreds of people in her home and provided meals for those in need on a regular basis. With her longtime best friend Jane Rhoden, she catered hundreds of weddings and parties with incredible style and grace. She was a friend to everyone she met, regardless of their background or status. She was known for her love of laughter and good times, and people loved to be in her presence, for she made everyone feel important.

Most of all, she loved the Lord and His Church. Her incredible positive influence and encouragement of others will be remembered for years to come. "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her." (Proverbs 31:28)

Her family would like to thank Dr. Gary Myerson and Dr. Song Na and their offices for the wonderful care they gave her over the years.

She is survived by her husband, John H. Roark, her daughter Margaret McAskill and husband John, Marietta, Georgia; son Scott Roark and wife Amy, Suwanee, Georgia; and grandchildren George, David and Will McAskill and John and Mary Grace Roark; five cousins and numerous family members and treasured friends.

A memorial service will be held at Buford Presbyterian Church, 1242 Buford Highway, Sugar Hill, Georgia on Saturday, March 25th at 2:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, gifts can be sent to Buford Presbyterian Church.

Comments



“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of Ms. Roark. May you find comfort in the words Jesus spoke, promising a resurrection. (John 11:25) Warm Regards, Kay

Kay Banks - March 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ We would like to offer our sincerest condolences for your loss. It is our hope that your family finds comfort in the Bible at John 5:28, 29. This scripture has comforted our family in coping with the loss of our love ones. We hope it does the same for your family. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time.

T. Banks - March 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Our prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.

Jim & Evelyn

Jim & Evelyn Cuckler - March 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to John and all her family. She was our backdoor neighbor in Athens and a dear friend We still have many wonderful memories of those days. She will be greatly missed and was a True friend and a wonderful, loving Christian lady, mother and friend to us and to many, many more. Ralph and Miriam Graham

Miriam and Ralph Graham - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ She will be dearly missed. When i was growing up in the church I quickly saw the Roarks not as the preacher but as the guiding Grandparents. Life goes on but is never the same. The Roarks family will be in my thoughts

Daniel Bowers - March 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you and remembering what a wonderful and caring friend Peggy has been thru the years. Much love and deepest sympathy, Jackie Ladshaw

Robert Clark - March 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ We will miss Peggy's smile and her presence at every musical function at which we would see you both. She was the consummate minister's wife and we can only imagine the impact she had on many piano students. We are in Florida and will miss her service, but our prayers are with all of the family. Carol and Ellis Dunbar

Carol and Ellis Dunbar - March 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear John, Margaret, Scot and Grandchildren:

I just read Peggy's obituary and it perfectly described her. She was a very kind and loving person who we all enjoyed being with. She was all the other things mentioned in this book as well. We all miss her but will never forget her. Take comfort in knowing she is at peace in her heavenly home.

God bless you,

Dave Kidwell

Dave Kidwell - March 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ One of my favorite things about Peggy is about how she made me laugh. She frequently began her sentences with "now listen"..and I knew I was going to hear something good! She taught my daughter, Samantha, to be an amazing piano player in a few short years and helped to give her the love of music. She was such a gift to so many. We will absolutely miss her! With much love and sympathy, The Baker Family

Jenny & Chris Baker - March 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. So sorry for your loss.

Andy, Deborah and Bryson Sellers - March 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ The world will be a little dimmer without her smile and generous spirit. What a loss.

Debbie Waggoner - March 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. We are praying for all of the family. Peggy was a very sweet lady. We will miss her !

Vivian Taylor - March 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ John, Please accept my deepest sympathy and know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. Sally Hinkle

Sally Hinkle - March 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of this wonderful person, wife, mother, grandmother, and Alpha Xi Delta-Gamma Upsilon sister at UGA. She will be missed. My prayers are with your family as I know there is a big hole in your heart. The proof of Peggy's impact on this Earth is with the warm, talented family she left behind. You all know she'll be the first to greet you in Heaven with a twinkle in her eye and a song in her heart.

Marty Snowden - March 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Praying for you Scott, and your family brother. I didn't know your mother, but knowing you and the man you are, speaks volumes about your parents!

Stacy Chadwick - March 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Margaret, We are so sorry to hear of this loss! She was an amazing lady and will be sorely missed! Hugs and prayers to you and your family.

Suzy Watkins - March 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Our sympathies to John and the children and all of the extended family at this sad time. Our love and prayers are with you.

Bill and Linda Johnston - March 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ John and family:
The hands that fashioned the universe are strong enough to hold you and gentle enough to comfort you. Be comforted by the fact that in life and in death we belong to God. Remembering Peggy with love,
Grace and Gary Webster

Grace and Gary Webster - March 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Our prayers are with your family as you find your "new normal" without Peggy's physical presence in your daily life. She leaves countless wonderful memories to sustain you until you are reunited for eternity in Heaven.

In Christ's love,
Bruce and Carolyn

Bruce and Carolyn Shortell - March 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear John and family,

May God be comforting you at this time of profound loss, as Peggy has passed into His arms. We will all be praying for you at Eastminster, and everyone so enjoyed seeing Peggy at the 50th anniversary kirking service. You were such a big part of the church.

Sincerely,

Paula Parkinson

Paula Parkinson - March 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ John, we love you and we will miss Peggy!

Carl and Diane - March 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry about your loss of Peggy. I am holding you in my heart and prayers. Very best to you, Ginny Mickish

Ginny Mickish - March 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I am very sorry for your loss. I would like to share a scripture that I hope brings you comfort during this difficult time. "The hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." -John 5:28. This scripture shows that God has promised to restore the dead to life by the means of the resurrection. You have the hope of being reunited with loved ones right here on earth but under very different conditions!

Autumn B - March 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Peggy was the epitome of what friendship is. She will be missed very much.

Phil and Glenda Burgess - March 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Peggy was a true southern lady and woman of God. Her family is in my prayers during this time of adjustment to life without her physical presence.

Debbie Hall - March 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ My heartfelt condolences to your family in this time of sorrow. May God comfort your hearts by means of his Word and the loving support of family and friends. 2 Cor 1:3-4

Donna Marie - March 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Home at last, home at last. Thank God Almighty, she's home at last. I know she will be greatly missed, but you all will be with her again one day, and that's what matters most.

I will miss Peggy's infectious giggle, sharp wit, love of her friends and family, and unmatched hostessing skills. Many times I have been on the receiving end of all of those gifts. We YaYa Church Lady Canasta Players will always have a chair for Peggy when we gather, and will smile when we think of her.

God bless you all and hold you in the palm of His hand as you move forward without your matriarch here with you. Just know she is watching over you as you go about life, and she will be at heaven's gate to greet you.

Love you all, Sandra Henderson

Sandra Henderson - March 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during the most difficult time.

Sincerely,
John and Jo Ann Blount

John and Jo Ann Blount - March 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I am terribly sorry to hear of the loss of Peggy-someone my mother has always viewed as a sister and a model of generosity. I could always count on Peggy for insightful advice, unconditional love, and delightful Southern cooking. Things will never be the same without her and I am so very honored to have known her.

Laura DeBacker Ebersole - March 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry of the lost of your wife, mother and grandmother. May you find some joy in your special memories that you will share together.

BONNIE EVANS - March 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies to you, John, and your family in the loss of Peggy. We at Eastminster Presbyterian have enjoyed having both of you be a part of our church and will miss Peggy. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you,
Rene' Boven
c/o Diaconate family

Rene Boven - March 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thanks for all you have added to our lives through your example and kindness to us and all the people around you. You will have a permanent place in our heart. Bless you and your wonderful family. The Barrs

god be with you

DonAnd Carolyn Barr - March 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear John and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Peggy was a remarkable person who could tell a great story, cook up one of the best meals you've ever had, and hold entertaining and engaging conversation. She will truly be missed by many.

Love,
Charles

Charles Higgs - March 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM