



Peggy Marie (Green) Alston

February 2, 1927 - June 22, 2017

Peggy M. (Green) Alston of McKinney, Texas passed away on June 22, 2017 at the age of 90. Peggy was born in Fort Worth, Texas on February 2, 1927. She graduated from Carter Riverside High in 1943 at the age of 16. She attended Ross College in Texas and Harper College in Illinois studying subjects in relation to her occupation. She married Thomas P. Alston, Jr. on June 28, 1946 in Fort Worth.

Peggy had a beautiful voice and sang in choirs in every church she attended, she took voice training at the Fort Worth Conservatory of Music, sang in a radio show several mornings each week and performed in musical operettas and annual variety shows in Arlington, Texas.

Peggy started work at 17 years old, working for War Assets Administration, the Army Counter Intelligence Corps, Federal Housing Authority and Stanolind Oil Company. At Stanolind Oil, Peggy created a communications manual that was accepted company wide. Peggy moved to Illinois in 1956 where she worked for an Attorney and the Independent School District. Her last employer was Digital Equipment Corporation in Illinois and Texas retiring in 1992 as the Manager DEC Temp program responsible for Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Peggy decided to start a YMCA in February, 1968 while living in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. She chaired an organization meeting which was well attended including the mayors from seven villages in the area. She wanted a YMCA to include boys, girls, men and women of all faiths, nationalities and colors, and wanted an indoor swimming pool, gym and day care center. She enlisted her husband to be the Organizing Chair and the Y was underway. Land was purchased the first year, programs were started in the seven villages, and several years later the first building was built for offices and meeting rooms. Later an Olympic sized swimming pool was added, a gym was built and then the day care center. Peggy served on the Board of Directors from 1968 to 1985. An award for exceptional service to the Y was created, she was the first recipient – it was named the “Peggy Award”. Her dream came true through a lot of work by people in the communities and herself.

Peggy and her husband returned to Texas in 1985. After retiring in 1992, she trained as a Stephen Minister and worked

in the community caring for others. She continued this activity while in the Bedford area, Denton and in McKinney with the Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Peggy is survived by her loving husband of 70 years, Tom Alston of McKinney; daughter, Claudia Alston and husband, Patrick Ryan of Plano; daughter-in-law, Francine Alston of Frisco; son, Phillip Alston of Bradenton, Florida; granddaughter, Erin Kursevski and husband Hai Hunt of Houston; grandson, Zachary Alston of Frisco; and many other loving family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her beloved son, Thomas Pearson Alston III; brothers, Claud Jr. and Jack; sister, Betty; parents, Claud and Jewel.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 1, 2017 at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 5871 Virginia Parkway, McKinney, Texas.

Memorials

We send our love, prayers and condolences to Tom and family. We will miss Peggy but know she is in a better place now where there will be no more sadness, illness nor death. Peggy was a very sweet lady and we were fortunate to know her here at Country View Lane complex. I wish I could have heard her sing because I understand she once sang with an orchestra in New York in her younger years. She had so many talents and had such a good heart. We do have some memories of her in our retirement complex. We felt blessed to have known her and visited with her in our dining room many times. A very kind, interesting lady.

ALEEN AND BOB GRIMES, JUNE 30, 2017

Peggy was a neighborhood Mom growing up, always a gracious hostess to the neighborhood kids. So sweet, so patient and kind. I never saw her get rattled, even with a houseful of rowdy teen girls. So very sorry for your loss.

DIANE JASKOLKA NEE WILLIARD, JUNE 30, 2017

Hi Tom, Arlene and I are so sorry to read about Peggy's passing. You have been able to share a wonderful long life together. Arlene and I working on our 56 years together. I suspect you do not remember me, but I was President of the "Y" when we had our "Walk for the Y" and collected enough funds to begin to start ground breaking for the beginning of the Twinbrook YMCA building (now the Campanelli YMCA). A long time goal for you and Peggy. We were

there with you when the Y had its official opening several years later. We hope you are in good health and will pray for you and your family. Loosing someone is not easy. May she rest in peace and may you take comfort in the wonderful times you had together. Lee and Arlene Krizka

LEE KRIZKA, JUNE 25, 2017

Peggy was a dear friend and she will be missed. We enjoyed our work at Digital Equipment - brings back such fond memories. What a good time we had!

BARBARA HARRINGTON - DALLAS, JUNE 25, 2017

My second mom. From you this Northern Yankee transplant learned the best things about Southern women. You were always impeccably accessorized and coordinated. Even in the last three months you still wore at least a necklace that could match whatever you might wear, even a hospital gown. You hated missing any social activity and were always, always so gracious and kind to whomever you met or with whomever you spent time. You were always ready to go where the fun and frivolity ensued. You were always such a good sport about your children's kidding but you knew how much each one truly loved you. You and Tom were different in so many ways but you fit so well together. I remember many times through the years seeing absolute love and devotion Tom had for you and you had for Tom in each other's eyes. Caring for each other and filling in the other's gaps when needed through the years. Almost 71 years - how blessed you both were. Thank you for welcoming me into your family 28 years ago when Tommy Trey brought me to meet you for the first time. Thank you agreeing with me after his funeral that we were still family. Thank you for the many times you said, " This is my daughter-in-law, but she's like a daughter." Thank you for the excellent model of a mother-in-law I hope to emulate when my son eventually marries. I will miss you until we meet again but I am grateful you suffer no longer. your other daughter, francine

FRANCINE, JUNE 23, 2017

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