



## Mrs. Margaret Elaine Clarke

October 9, 1922 - July 22, 2019

In her 97th. year, Margaret Elaine Clarke (Benson), passed away at the Foothills Hospital on July 22, 2019.

Fondly known as “Peggy,” she was born on October 9, 1922 to William and May Somerville, and was their only child. She was raised in Cluny, Alberta, and as she had no siblings, was very close to her two cousins, Gwen and Ann Koefoed.

Peggy married Tom Clarke in 1945. They had 3 children, Murray (Layne), Elaine (Duane), and Ross (Kim). She was very proud to say she had nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. In 1980, Peggy was predeceased by her husband, Tom.

Years passed, and in 1995 she married Harold Benson, whom she met while playing with a bridge group at St. Andrew’s Anglican Church. They enjoyed six wonderful years together until his passing in 2001. Tragedy entered Peggy’s life once again, when she lost her youngest son, Ross, to cancer in 2017. The family was devastated over the loss as well. Peggy led a full life.

She was blessed with a sharp mind and keen memory and was an avid reader and excellent bridge player. She was also a wonderful cook, and everyone enjoyed years of Sunday dinners in her dining room. Many of her fondest

memories were of spending time at the cabin at Kananaskis Lake with family and friends. Her last six years were spent living independently in the Manor Village at Garrison Woods in Calgary. She made many new friends and was an active participant in the various Manor activities.

Peggy was a gracious and loving person and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Memorial Donations may be made to the Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation - [www.heartandstroke.ca](http://www.heartandstroke.ca)

A Celebration of Peggy's Life was held at St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Calgary (1611 - St. Andrews Place, NW, Calgary).

To send condolences and view Peggy's Tribute Page please visit [www.lylereeves.com](http://www.lylereeves.com) . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

AUG 3. 2:00 PM (MT)

St. Andrew's Anglican Church Calgary  
1611 - St. Andrews Place NW  
Calgary, AB T2N 3Y4 (CA)

# Tribute Wall

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“ We have fond memories of Peggy when we attended St. Andrew's Anglican Church, and also when we visited friends at the Manor.

*Our condolences to all the family.*

*David and Gwyneth Parker*

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**David & Gwyneth Parker** - July 30, 2019 at 06:03 PM

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“ Peggy was such a huge part of the Manor family. She was always the first to volunteer for committees or events. She always had a lovely smile on her face and was so kind to everyone she met. I know all of the staff are really going to miss Peggy and her wonderful personality and energy. Our heartfelt condolences to Peggy's family.

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**Megan Sellar** - July 29, 2019 at 05:41 PM

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“ Peggy was a long-standing and enthusiastic participant at the Foothills Swimming Pool's aqua-fit classes for nearly twenty years. We missed her warm friendship when she moved away some five years ago into a retirement home but she still came to some of our coffee parties. Now we will miss her even more. From her friends at the swimming pool: Irene Krouse, Fez Qureshi, Ida Bouman, Jill Godfrey, Joan Wilson, Nancy Maguire, Sheila Little, Bernice Balyk, Sandy Lucas, and Jim Little.

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**Irene Krouse** - July 29, 2019 at 03:58 PM

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“ *My friendship with Peggy began some fifty years ago when her first husband, Tom, became the principal of Henry Wise High School where I served as an Assistant Principal. I loved her good cheer, great sense of humour, interest in the welfare of others and deep interest in and commitment to family. She will be remembered as a wonderful person in every way and greatly missed.*

*Jack Ferguson*

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**Jack Ferguson** - July 26, 2019 at 01:32 PM