



## Peg Whitney

July 7, 1939 - December 28, 2020

Margarteann "Peg" Whitney Age 81

December 28, 2020

Beloved wife of Dick for 57 years

Dear mother of John (Kathleen), James (Jeanne), and Joseph (Lauren).

Proud grandmother of Colin, Kaitlyn, Mary, Sean, Wallace and Lyle.

Sister of Virginia (Charles) Nightingale.

Peg was a graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School she then went to the University of Detroit and graduated with her masters from Eastern Michigan University. She taught in the Detroit Public schools

for 35 years. Peg was also the Hospitality Coordinator at Holy Family parish planning many events to celebrate her faith and family.

Visitation at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River Novi Sunday 3-6pm.

Instate at Holy Family Church 24505 Meadowbrook Novi Monday January 4, 2021 from 10:00am until the funeral Liturgy at 10:30am.

To view Peg's live stream funeral Liturgy [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SiveOh\\_XUds](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SiveOh_XUds)

Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

Donations in memory of Peg can be made to the Capuchins. [www.cskdetroit.org](http://www.cskdetroit.org)

# Events

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**JAN**   **Visitation**            03:00PM - 06:00PM

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O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home  
41555 Grand River Ave, Novi, MI, US, 48375

**JAN**   **In State**                            10:00AM

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Church of the Holy Family  
24505 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi, MI, US, 48375-2845

**JAN**   **Liturgy**                            10:30AM

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# Comments

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“ We were SO saddened to learn today, thru a mutual friend, of Peg's passing the end of December. We have known Peg since the early formation days at Holy Family and witnessed her caring, commitment to hospitality and faith, along with her family for MANY years. Our love goes out to Dick and their family for the earthly loss of someone who made a HUGE impact on the many people whose lives she touched.....her DPS students, staff, Faith family, and countless others. Pam & George Wright

**Pam Wright** - January 28 at 12:20 PM

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“ Dear Whitney Family,

I decided to write even though I only met Peg once, at the wedding of my niece, Lauren, and Peg's son, Joe.

Peg really impressed me on this occasion. She was very welcoming to my family and just so forthright in her sense of bringing unity and shared joy and organization to the large gathering. I felt like Peg was someone I knew for a long time instead of for just a couple of days.

Then after watching Peg's funeral service, I came to recognize Peg as one of those old-school stalwart Catholic women who make it their business to keep every facet of their parish's operations running as smoothly as possible.

Women who have the confidence to know and insist that, of the many ways to do things, their way is probably the best way.

My mother-in-law, Dorothy, was cut from the same cloth as Peg. She too was the backbone of her Catholic church here in Seattle. Honoring Dorothy's devotion to the parish was the reason that five priests concelebrated her son's and my wedding mass.

So similar to the five priests honoring Peg's devotion to her church by together concelebrating her funeral mass.

Peg, like my mother-in-law, inspires me. Both inspire me to keep my faith and to look for ways that I can help others.

But I have to ask,

Where would these priests and parishes be without these powerful women?

Isn't it about time the Catholic Church welcomes these women to lead from the front instead of from behind?

With love and respect,  
Barbara Billinghamurst

**Barbara Billinghamurst** - January 20 at 02:42 PM

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“ Dear Whitney Family;

We were so saddened to hear about the passing of Peg. She was truly a faithful and humble servant. We worked together on Holy Family's Church Picnic and she was so amazingly talented. and always upbeat. I will treasure my memory of the Advent Women's Teas I participated in, in which she encouraged me to host a table. She always had a KIND WORD to say and smile on her face. Her spirit and warm heart will remain with us always.

Peace be with your family.

Sincere Condolences  
Pete and Cheryl Pistolesi

**Cheryl Pistolesi** - January 11 at 07:44 PM

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“ To Dick and her beautiful family,

We were so sorry to hear of Peg's passing. Please accept our sympathies. She was the bright spot in any room. Peg always stepped up to whatever need was presented to her: she was an example for all women who walk the fine line of being a wife, mother and of service to the Church and others! She not only did it all but she did it with grace and a flare that was all her own!

Sending love,  
Dick and Linda Wickert

**Linda Wickert** - January 06 at 01:54 PM

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“ On behalf of the Capuchin brothers I offer my deepest sympathies on the passing of Peg. It is truly humbling to receive memorial donations in honor of Peg's life. Please be assured of the brother's prayers for the entire Whitney family during this great time of grief. May perpetual light shine upon Peg.

**Br Nick Blattner Ofm Capuchin** - January 05 at 02:31 PM

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“ Please accept my sympathy. We are grateful for the generosity of Peg's life. She was a backbone of Holy Family, involved in most Church functions over the last 46 years. Also she was a friend and advisor to many of us. We will miss her.  
Louise Lewis Tsatsanifos

Louise Lewis Tsatsanifos - January 04 at 08:46 AM

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“ I was fortunate enough to know Peg and her family for the past 20 years and what a wonderful family they are. I am blessed to call Peg my friend and family and will miss her so very much. She was the most giving individual I have ever met and always put others needs before her own. Her passing is a huge loss for so many people, especially her family. Our prayers are with Dick, John, Jim, Joe and their families, especially her grandchildren, during this most difficult time.

Beth and Dan Smith

Beth Smith - January 03 at 06:13 PM

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“ Came here looking for info about some other folks. Sad shock to read of Peg's passing. She was a stand-out for her service at Holy Family. Kind and dutiful in the multitude of events she prepared at the Church over many years. She will be missed.

Michael Lewis - January 03 at 05:02 PM

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“ DEAR PEG'S FAMILY: SHE WAS SUCH A CARING AND LOVELY LADY! IT IS A GREAT LOSS, BUT KNOWING THAT SHE IS OUT OF PAIN, AND WITH GOD IS A COMFORT.  
MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. MUCH LOVE, DARLENE.

DARLENE DAIL ALEXANDER - January 03 at 02:55 PM

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“ Spent many Christmas seasons working with Peg to decorate the church, lecturing together, seeing Peg and Dick at 730 Mass. Lots and lots of memories. Peg loved Holy Family Church and gave her all to show it. So very sorry for your loss, Dick and family. May the Angels welcome her to Paradise!

Phil and Barb Hayes

**Barb Hayes** - January 03 at 01:26 PM

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“ I was so sorry to hear of Peg's passing. She was such an asset to Holy Family, with all her years of service. My sincere condolences to Dick, their children, grandchildren and all her extended family. She will be missed. Rest in Peace Peg.

Connie Peapples

**Connie Peapples** - January 02 at 04:25 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Peg Whitney.



January 02 at 11:28 AM

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“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Peg. Terry and I appreciate all her efforts at Holy Family, she was such an asset and will be missed. I also loved talking to her about her grandchildren who were stars in her life... Rest In Peace Peg...

**Diane Jolly** - January 02 at 11:21 AM

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“ What a beautiful and giving person she was to all at Holy Family where I knew her for the past twenty years. Her smile was so warming and made you feel so special. God gave us such a Special person. Peg was a figurehead at Holy Family that everyone loved and respected and turned to because she knew what was best for every function.



Judith Kronk - January 01 at 10:39 PM

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“ Steve and Kathy Herger purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Peg Whitney.



Steve and Kathy Herger - January 01 at 07:51 PM

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“ I am so very sorry to learn of Pegs passing....She had a way of making us all feel that we were her special friend...She was there for me almost eight years ago when my husband passed away...Going above and beyond the call.....Prayers to her family for strength during these trying times.....Beverly Accettura

beverly accettura - December 31, 2020 at 06:35 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peg Whitney.



December 31, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ Kim and Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Peg Whitney.



**Kim and Team** - December 31, 2020 at 08:59 AM

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“ Tracy Edwards and Roy Russell purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Peg Whitney.



**Tracy Edwards and Roy Russell** - December 30, 2020 at 11:10 PM

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“ My friend Peggy's family  
I have only been a friend of Peggy for 40 years. Certainly not among those who went to grade school with her. But we have been having meals together for all of that time, four or five times per year. She has been an annual giver to my Detroit Goodfellows solicitations every year as we both felt a need to give to the needy. This is the first year I did not receive a check and I knew that she was in trouble.  
I will make a donation to the Capuchins in her memory.  
Please know that she has already been missed at our lunches and will be sorely missed in the future.  
All my love to the family. I need not tell you that a special person she was

Carole Chiamp

**Carole Chiamp** - December 30, 2020 at 08:07 PM

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“ Dear Dick and Family,  
Peg left her mark on the world by the way she lived and the difference she made in ALL the lives she touched. I wish you all Love to hold you, Prayers to Bless you and Friends to remind you how much we care.

I remember meeting Peg 47 years ago at Our Lady of Victory...I am THANKFUL for her.

Love,  
Kathy McGuffin

**Kathy McGuffin** - December 30, 2020 at 06:13 PM

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“ I am beyond sad at Peg's passing and am so sorry for all of you in the family. She was a dear friend and a woman who truly did make the world a better place and she will be so missed. A piece of our childhood goes with her. Unfortunately, because of Covid, I won't see you at the viewing or funeral, but my thoughts and prayers will be with you.

Kay Cornell

**Kay Cornell** - December 30, 2020 at 04:43 PM

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“ Bob, Pete, Peggy, Karen, and Willa purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Peg Whitney.



**Bob, Pete, Peggy, Karen, and Willa** - December 30, 2020 at 04:06 PM

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“ Love, The Mundt & Morelli Families purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Peg Whitney.



Love, The Mundt & Morelli Families - December 30, 2020 at 04:01 PM