



## Margaret "Peggy" Sitarz

January 27, 2016

Margaret "Peggy" (Walsh) Sitarz, 67, of West Hartford, died peacefully at home on January 27, 2016. She was the loving wife of John W. (Jack) Sitarz for 37 years. The daughter of the late William and Eileen (Lynch) Walsh, she grew up in Canton, NY, where she experienced an idyllic childhood of ice skating, skiing and swimming in rivers and lakes. She was a graduate of Russell Sage College.

Peggy began her career as a French teacher in Cambridge, NY and worked both in Atlanta, GA and then in Hartford for Travelers Insurance Company. She later worked at Holy Apostles College and Seminary. However, her cherished vocation was always that of wife, mother and CEO of the home.

She loved music and books, was a member of two book clubs and two French conversation classes, and treasured deep conversations with family and friends. She loved the Adirondacks. She was a devoted member of St. Thomas the Apostle parish for 34 years, a quietly passionate "church lady," attending daily Mass, promoting pro-life advocacy and serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the homebound and to those in nursing homes. She was a dedicated Brownie leader and Girl Scout badge group leader. She volunteered and served on boards at her daughters' Catholic schools as well as volunteering for many years as both a board member of Birthright of Greater Hartford and as a counselor, providing support

and encouragement to enable girls and women to give birth to their babies.

Despite living for years with Multiple Sclerosis and more recently with ALS, she remained positive and continued to live an active life. Peggy's cheerful personality, honest, and fun-loving nature brought joy to those who knew her. Quite simply she was fun to be around. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, relative, neighbor and friend.

In addition to her her husband Jack, she is survived by three daughters, Julia and her husband Krzysztof Lasek of West Hartford, Mary Kate of Manchester and Jane of West Hartford; two cherished grandchildren, Zuzu and Timmy Lasek; two brothers, Michael Walsh of Malone, NY and Denis Walsh of Canton, NY; and three dear cousins, who, upon their parents' deaths, were raised as part of her family: Lawrence Hazen, Eileen Hazen Perez and Dan Hazen and their families.

Peggy was extremely grateful for the extraordinary care and support provided by her immediate family members, extended family, neighbors, and friends; the dedicated members of Franciscan Home Care & Hospice Care, especially Sr. Catherine Mary Clark, Agnes Dion, and Janet Judd; as well as by Dr. Kevin Felice and the team from the ALS Clinic at the Hospital for Special Care. Visiting hours will be held from 1 to 5 pm, Sunday, January 31 at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated directly at St. Thomas the Apostle Church on Monday, February 1 at 10 am. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Birthright of Greater Hartford, 912 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06108 or to Franciscan Home Care & Hospice Care, 257 Finch Avenue, Meriden, CT 06451.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.  
West Hartford, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JAN 31. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home  
906 Farmington Ave  
West Hartford, CT 06119  
(860) 232-1322

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle  
872 Farmington Ave.  
West Hartford, CT  
(860) 233-8269

# Tribute Wall

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“ We the members of the Petit Cercle French group mourn the passing of our dear Peggy, our fellow Francophile who graciously hosted many of our meetings at her home. She was a sheer delight, and it was always a pleasure to be in her presence. What a blessing and gift it was for us to have known her. She will be sorely missed by all.

*Our heartfelt condolences to the Sitarz family.*

*Cindy Lichtsteiner*

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**Cindy Lichtsteiner** - January 30, 2016 at 05:44 PM

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“ I remember Peggy's infectious laugh, her interest in those around her, her love of family, and her knack of spreading cheer everywhere. Our sympathy to your family.

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**Dianna Rafferty, the Veneziano family** - January 29, 2016 at 01:26 PM

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“ On behalf of the entire Kingswood Oxford School community, we offer our deepest sympathy on the passing of Margaret.

*Just as her husband, Jack Sitarz '65, is a cherished member of our school family, we feel that Peggy was, too, and we mourn her death along with those who loved her.*

*Please know that we'll keep the family in our thoughts in the days and weeks to come. We are very sorry for your loss, but join you in celebrating the life of a wonderful woman.*

*- Nicole Kimball, Dir. of Alumni and Constituent Relations,  
Kingswood Oxford School, West Hartford, CT*

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**Nicole Kimball** - January 29, 2016 at 12:58 PM

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“ *To Jack and to your beautiful family. Our love and prayers are with you at the loss of dear Peggy, a woman of incredible faith and courage.*

*Love,  
Bill and Noranne*



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**Noranne Wamester** - January 29, 2016 at 12:11 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Margaret "Peggy" Sitarz.*



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January 28, 2016 at 09:16 PM