



Margaret Ann Gates

October 4, 1927 - August 17, 2017

Margaret C. Gates, 89, died peacefully on August 17th at her home at The Serenades in the Villages. She was born on 10/4/1927 in the Canal Zone, Panama. Peggy graduated from the University of Maryland in 1949 where she was active in the Alpha Xi Delta sorority. She was a worldwide traveler and conveyed a love for mankind to all around her. As a mother, mentor and companion in life, Peggy was the bedrock of stability and enthusiasm for her family. The joy and happiness of her loved ones was what sustained her. Peggy survived Alzheimer's disease with dignity, determination and very little self-pity. She is survived by her husband, Joseph F. Gates, her children: Barbara Coleman (John), Edward Beidleman, Marjorie Beidleman, Martin Beidleman, stepchildren Elizabeth Gates (Craig), Sherry McCargar (James) and Robert Gates, 4 grandsons and a great-granddaughter. The visitation will be at 10 and funeral service at 11 on Monday, August 21st at Beyers Funeral Home, Lady Lake, Florida with burial following at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

Tribute Wall

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“ My heart goes out to the loved ones of Peggy, especially her oldest daughter who has been near her most and who was with her through her last breath. Bobbie, you should have no regrets because you have done so much for your mom and Joe. Praying you get all the post funeral tasks handled with ease.

Susan Hutt - August 23, 2017 at 12:49 PM

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Thank you, Susan.

Barbara L. Coleman - October 31, 2025 at 10:13 PM

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“ Peggy became an important part of our family when she married my brother-in-law, Joe. We always enjoyed her company and I will surely miss her. Peggy was always a lady!

Betty Gates - August 21, 2017 at 08:40 AM

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“ You and I share our first and middle names. I never did much like Margaret and choose Maggie to be called, you choose Peggy. Well Peggy, I didn't really know you but your daughter Bobbie shared a lot about you with me. What I want to say to you is "thank you for the excellent job you did in raising her". She has been a true blue sister inlaw, loyal, loving, caring, understanding and reflects the love of Jesus. I am proud to know her and love her as my own. Now, you rest in The Lord's loving arms in His mansion.



Maggie Coleman Rousseau - August 19, 2017 at 07:58 PM

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Thank you, Maggie.

Barbara L. Coleman - October 31, 2025 at 10:12 PM

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“*Mom, What a privilege it has been to be your daughter for 63 years and 4 months. I will miss you until I die and hope we will be reunited again one day. Rest in peace. I love you, Bobbie*



Barbara L Coleman - August 19, 2017 at 07:17 PM