



## Peggy Hand

April 24, 1941 - June 27, 2010

### Obituary of Peggy Hand

Peggy Hand lost her brave and courageous fight with cancer on Sunday, June 27, 2010. She was born on April 24, 1941 in Metter, GA. After graduating from Metter High School, she obtained a bachelor's degree from Georgia Southern University and interned in Savannah, GA. Peggy began her teaching career at Leesburg High School in 1963 under Principal Ray Haye. She quickly became active in the teachers' organizations and county activities; then became a curriculum generalist at LHS. After requesting to return to the classroom upon missing interactions with students, Mrs. Hand served as yearbook sponsor, senior class sponsor, H-Q sponsor, as well as sponsor of various service organizations. She received a Masters Degree in Administration and Supervision from Nova University and continued post-graduate work at the University of Florida and Stetson University. In 1973, Mrs. Hand went to the county office to work on a Career Education project sponsored by the Florida Department of Education. She served as an Assistant Principal of LHS from 1980-1985. In 1985, she returned to the classroom and implemented a dual enrollment program in English with Lake Sumter Community College and later taught Advanced Placement Literature at Leesburg High School while serving as English Department Chairperson. She often said her favorite aspect of teaching was living in the same town and watching her "children" become successful adults. After thirty-nine and one-half years in the teaching

profession, Peggy retired from LHS. Peggy enjoyed her involvement in the community during her active retired life.

She served as the President of the Lake County League of Women Voters, President of Delta Kappa Gamma, and President of the honorary Business and Professional Women of Leesburg. She was a member of Chapter ID, PEO Organization and the Tuesday Afternoons Ladies Book Club. Mrs. Hand served, until her death, on an Elder Options Advisory Council as a representative of Lake County. She was a member of New Life Presbyterian Church in Fruitland Park. She is survived by her son Keith (Jule) Hand, grandson Ethan Hand, granddaughter Stephanie Hand of Fruitland Park, FL and sister Donnie Jo Lanigan of Metter, GA. She was predeceased by her husband, Richard F. Hand, February 11, 1997.

#### Visitation

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 30, 2010 from 2:00 " 3:00 PM at New Life Presbyterian Church, Fruitland Park, FL

#### Services

Funeral Service to follow visitation at 3:00 PM

#### Interment

Interment will take place on Friday, July 2, 2010 at 2:00 PM at Lake Church Cemetery in Metter, GA with Reverend Scott Riner Officiating.

### Memorials

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778.

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ I knew Peggy from the Lakes BPW Club that we were both members of when I lived in Leesburg. I am from Leesburg and was saddened to see the notice of Peggy's passing. My condolences to the family and friends she leaves behind.

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**Barbara Smith Shaffer** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Dear Keith and Jule, How stunned we were to hear of Peggy's recent death. We will truly miss her. She was a longtime friend and colleague during the years we lived in Lake County and we are aware of the many contributions she made to the lives of students she taught and to others in the community as well. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

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**Nina Shuman and Cynthia Schumacher** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Let me express my sympathy on your loss of Peggy Rivenbark Hand. She was my 9th grade teacher the year she married Mr. Hand and my 12th grade advanced English teacher. She had a wicked sense of humor, that's for sure. She saved our "What I Did Last Summer" essays from 9th grade and read them to us (no names) the week of our graduation from LHS in '67. She was our class sponsor all 4 years as I recall and has been invited to our reunions. Our senior year, she was teaching near the office and wear "flats". Something happened that made her mad and she threw open her closet, slipped on her 3" spike heels and "stomped" off to the office on our class's behalf. We could hear her the whole way there and back on those wooden floors. I became an elementary teacher and saw her occasionally at school meetings. She was a good woman.

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**Sue Littleton Wakefield** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ On behalf of the class of 1998, let me extended our condolences to you and your family during this very difficult time. Ms. Hand was an outstanding teacher and such a blessing to be around. She had such a great sense of humor and was always laughing and/or trying to make someone else laugh. She will be deeply missed!

LHS C/O 1998 - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ So saddened to hear Mrs. Hand has died. Seems odd to call her Mrs Hand as she looked as young as many of us at one of our reunions. Class of 67. She was such a wonderful teacher and an inspiration to so many. A real Ga. peach! Condolences to the family. Fondly, Candace Pease

Candace Jones Pease - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ SHE NEVER GAVE UP THE FIGHT FOR HER STUDENTS OR HER LIFE. SHE WAS AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AND A GOOD FRIEND WHO WILL BE MISSED BY MANY. GOD BLESS...

SANDY AND CARL PETTITT - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Keith and Jule- I am thinking of you both during this time of loss. I was so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. My favorite memory of your mom Keith was spending the day at the beach and then going to spend the night at Crystal River when we were very young (3rd and 1st grade). I remember whining at the door saying, "He (Todd) gets to go again." And Peggy brought me along. I got treated like a princess! You both have my deepest sympathies.

Michelle Fortin Hofbauer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Keith I was so sad when I read of your mom's passing. I am sure your memories of her are flooding through your mind. Another one to add. When she started to teach, I was working at Uncle F's store and she would come in and he would play "Georgia On My Mind." Peggy will be remembered by the many lives she touched. Anne Bell

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**V. Anne Bell & Family** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I'm sorry to here of Mrs. Hands passing. I was not student of her's but everyone knew Peggy Hand. We would invite her to our Class of 1973 reunions and she would come and we had good times.

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**Barbara Allen Lee** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Keith, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. She was an outstanding woman, and I am sure will be missed by many. Love, Debbie

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**Debbie (Minich) Banner** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Dear Keith and Family, Your mom was one of those rare individuals who could both keep you in stitches and make you feel like you'd been wrapped in a warm shawl. She was a gifted teacher and a faithful, joyous friend. She will be greatly missed by us all.

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**Phyllis Hayes** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ We walk with you as you celebrate the beautiful life of Peggy. Asking God to provide comfort and peace to each of you. A donation is being provided to your Hospice by the family of the late Tom Walters. Memories too many and too precious to express in words are ours to cherish. Much love to all, Gail and family

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**Gail Walters Young and Family/ Tom Walters** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ We are sorry to hear of Peggys passing. We know she will be missed by all her family and friends. We are here if you need us. God bless each of you during this sad time.

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**Carroll and Ann Sikes** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



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