



## Margaret "Peg" (McCracken) Caudell

May 16, 1944 - December 27, 2024

Margaret "Peg" (McCracken) Caudell, of Nashville, Indiana passed away peacefully on December 27, 2024, having been surrounded by the love of friends and family near and far. Peg is survived by her cousin David Lathrop of Virginia Beach, VA, her nephew Chris Nelson & family (wife Nina Arnold and son Finn Nelson) of West Hartford, CT, and her niece Heather Nelson Koch & family (husband Randy Koch and son William) of Portland, OR. She is also survived by nieces and nephews on her late husband Paul's side of the family, including Alan Caudell, Paul Caudell, Jeani Filip, Chris Caudell, Bob Caudell, and their families. Peg was predeceased by her husband, Paul Caudell, and her two sisters, Emily (McCracken) Raymond and Susan (McCracken) Herring.

Born in 1944 and raised in Stratford, CT, Peg was the daughter of the late Ruth (Lathrop) Stone and William McCracken. She and her family spent memorable years living next to the Stratford Point Lighthouse in Lordship, and she forever after loved lighthouses and the sound of the ocean. She graduated from Bunnell High School in Stratford and Douglass College at Rutgers University before developing a career in graphic design.

Peg lived in Boston, MA and Ft. Lauderdale in her 20s and 30s. In Florida, she worked on publications for the International Game Fish Association. She also met an adventurous man named Paul Caudell, who was filled with love and life. They wed in 1984 and lived their lives together in Nashville, Indiana. Their rural property out by Yellowwood State Forest was a gathering place for

friends and family and a source of many memories, good times, and stories. Peg had a long tenure working on publications at PDK International in Bloomington, IN, and assisted Paul with his business. After Paul passed away, Peg moved to Bloomington, IN for several years, and worked a job she loved helping seniors at Bell Trace. She eventually returned to Nashville for her final years. In every place, she loved and nurtured people, pets, and plants. In addition to graphic design and gardening, Peg expressed her creativity in painting and crafts that she often gifted to family and friends. She experimented with landscape and still life painting to capture things she loved - particularly people, pets, and flowers. Peg saw good in people and beauty in the world. She remained deeply inspired by and appreciative of the ongoing correspondence and connections she had with folks - from her oldest friends from childhood, college, and early days in Indiana to newer friendship that blossomed in later life. Peg's talent and caring compassion knew no bounds. She was loved and respected by all who knew her. Donations can be made in memory of Peg Caudell at Indiana's Brown County Humane Society ( [bchumane.org](http://bchumane.org) ).

There will be no services at this time. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home & Crematory in Bloomington, IN.

Online condolences may be shared with her family at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com).

# Tribute Wall

SN

“ Peg entered my life for a year as my college roommate in the mid 60’s, and has been my lifelong friend ever since despite geographical separation. We share exhilarating times of social and cultural change, anxiously preparing for the exciting life that awaited us both. My faith in, admiration and love for Peg never wavered. She blessed the world with her presence, and her precious beauty as an extraordinary person will last forever! With fond memories you now return to Paul and other family and friends out there but your essence remains forever. Suzanne Nagel

Suzanne Nagel - January 15, 2025 at 09:58 AM



“ I knew Paul longer, but since his death, Peg had been far more encouraging to me and my quixotic pursuits than (dang it) I was to her. Great lady who will be sorely missed.

Andrew Horning - January 11, 2025 at 10:35 AM

RH

“ Peg, Paul and I were friends for 20 years in Brown County Indiana. I used to help Paul build his military trucks. Move to North Idaho in 2012. Peg and I were able to hook up again and exchange Christmas cards. She was a grand lady and will be missed. Rick Hall, North Idaho.

Rick Hall - January 10, 2025 at 11:55 PM

BS

“ *Billie Spellman lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Peg" (McCracken) Caudell*



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**Billie Spellman** - January 10, 2025 at 06:27 PM

VV

“ *Peg and I were graphic designers at PDK — we became very good friends and loved the arts. I miss her so much already! 💕*

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**Victoria Voelker** - January 10, 2025 at 05:35 PM

HK

*she loved your photography!!*

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**Heather Koch** - March 06, 2025 at 01:04 PM

MS

“ *What a wonderful journey Peg had. I was so blessed to know her as we were kindred spirits. I am so thankful that I was blessed to be near her especially in her last days. Peg was incredibly talented and bright. She and I spent time discussing issues that dealt with serious concerns in our world. Now she has passed on and has no need for concerns about the status of our earthly world. And, we are left behind to miss her.*

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**Mary Ann Soll** - January 10, 2025 at 04:06 PM

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**Mary Ann Soll** - January 10, 2025 at 03:58 PM

LB

*Peggy was a close friend when we both lived in Fort Lauderdale and she was a bridesmaid at my wedding in 1981. We had lots of fun and enjoyed many good times. I remember well when she met Paul and the romance began. She was a good person and my heart goes out to her family. May her memory be a blessing to them all.*

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**Linda Bruns** - January 13, 2025 at 12:59 PM