



Peggy Ann Leonard

January 16, 1949 - March 29, 2021

Peggy O'Daniel Leonard lost her year-long battle with cancer and entered eternal life on March 29, 2021. She was born January 16, 1949, in Nacogdoches, Texas, the daughter of Roy Leon and Eloise Tidwell O'Daniel.

Peggy lived in Tyler 68 years where she attended John Tyler High School and First Baptist Church. She graduated from Stephen F. Austin with a bachelor's degree and earned her master's degree from the University of Texas at Tyler.

She had an adventurous spirit. After graduating from college, she took off on her own and traveled around Europe, staying in hostels. She loved to travel and continued traveling throughout her life. She was also an excellent tennis player and competed (and won) many matches in her 20's and 30's.

In 1971, she was hired by Tyler ISD, and worked as a homemaking teacher for 49 years, 48 of which were at Hubbard Middle School. She met Henry Arthur Leonard, and they were married June 23, 1978. They had two sons, David Ryan and Mark Andrew. Peggy took joy in attending her boys' soccer games and was always there cheering them on. She loved her boys and was so proud of their accomplishments and the men they have become.

As homemaking teacher at Hubbard Middle School, Peggy Leonard, impacted generations of students and their families. She was a favorite among the

students because she genuinely cared about and loved each one. She had a gift of building relationships with students so that every student felt that s/he was Mrs. Leonard's favorite. She was known for randomly bringing Chick-fil-a meals to students and teachers. Every student who was in her class has at least one "Mrs. Leonard story" - like the time a student heated the Chick-fil-a sandwich she had given him in her microwave, forgetting it was in a foil lined wrapper, causing a fire in the microwave and setting off the fire alarm which caused the entire school to evacuate the building. Or the former student who raced Mrs. Leonard in her Mini Cooper light-to-light on his way to high school. Everyone loved Mrs. Leonard because she could connect with them through their interests which she spent time finding out.

Students from her class loved showing off the pillows, aprons, and Jams she had taught them to sew, and the Snickerdoodles, breakfast tacos, and pizzas they cooked were enjoyed by students and the teachers students shared them with.

Mrs. Leonard was an avid Texas Longhorns fan and loved keeping up with sports and talking sports with her students. She attended the middle school sporting events to support her students and the high school sporting events to support her former students.

As a world traveler, Peggy wanted to share her love for travel with her students. For over 20 years Mrs. Leonard accompanied Hubbard students to Washington DC and New York City on their annual 8th grade trip. Peggy Leonard was a wife, mother, grandmother, sister, teacher, entrepreneur, and friend, but perhaps her greatest legacy was her love of the students she taught. Although, in her homemaking class, students learned how to cook, sew, set a table, wash clothes and dishes, and iron their clothes, the greatest thing Mrs. Leonard taught them was that they were each special and that they mattered. Her legacy lives on through the thousands of students

she impacted over the years. Without the iconic Mrs. Leonard, Hubbard Middle School will always have a hole that can never be filled. Hook 'em Horns, Peggy! We'll miss you!

In addition to her parents, Peggy was predeceased by a sister, Linda Jean O'Daniel. Surviving in addition to her husband, Henry Arthur Leonard, are her son, David Ryan Leonard and his wife, Nicole, of Austin, TX.; son, Mark Andrew Leonard and his wife, Brittany of Albany, NY; brother, James Riley O'Daniel of Arlington, TX; Stepson, Michael Skee Leonard of Plano, and six grandchildren.

Peggy will be put to rest in a gravesite burial service at Cathedral in the Pines with Chris Schustella officiating at 2PM Thursday April 1, 2021.

Those who wish to remember Peggy in a special way may visit her tribute page at: www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery
7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Peggy Ann Leonard



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 30, 2021 at 12:49 PM

CB

You were always so loving and generous to my boys and granddaughter, thank you Peggy. You are truly one of a kind and will always be in our memories.

Cheryl Burgess - March 31, 2021 at 03:44 PM

SP

We were saddened when we found out about Peggy's passing. We shared years of time on the soccer fields with our boys. We carpoled to Dallas for several years and I can still remember how much fun we had! I think we had more fun than the boys! Happy memories and I know you are sitting at the Master's feet pain free now. Henry, David, and Mark you will be in my prayers for strength and comfort. You will be missed. Sheri PENN

Sheri Penn - March 31, 2021 at 11:22 PM

PF

I just learned of Peggy's passing... I haven't seen her since high school but remember her with great fondness. She had the most beautiful silky blonde hair! Everyone loved her for her sweet spirit...not a mean bone in her! My condolences to her family.

Patty Green Fugler - April 01, 2021 at 11:39 AM

EG

I was one of her students from 2018-2020. She was my favorite teacher ever, and she would always bring me gifts and buy me breakfast. She helped me through my darkest times. I wouldn't be here if it weren't for her

Emma Gasper - April 01, 2021 at 01:33 PM

HH

Love you Peggy from teaching me to cook at Hubbard to our fun girls trip to London and all the in between. Our last hug wasn't long enough...Rest in Peace with our Savior 🙏✝️❤️

Holley Howard - April 03, 2021 at 10:28 AM

MC

“ *I didn't know this beautiful lady passed but I will what a caring lady she was. I left Hubbard and she tracked me down and sent me a beautiful gift 🌸💕 angle she was*

Mary Crain - June 18, 2021 at 10:08 AM

SH

“ *Mrs. Leonard was one of the sweetest teachers at Hubbard, I enjoyed working with her. She still kept in touch checking on my son and me.
Rest in peace, sweet angel. - Ms. Huff*

Shirelle Huff - April 02, 2021 at 06:11 PM

LP

“ *Mrs. Leonard was such a sweet beautiful soul. She taught my husband at Hubbard and then eventually both my boys and they absolutely adored her! We have lots of special memories and keepsakes from her. She will never be forgotten by the Parker Family...we love you Mrs. Leonard!! Thank you for loving and supporting my boys all these years!*

Lana Parker - April 01, 2021 at 04:09 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Leonard.*



April 01, 2021 at 10:52 AM



“ *Peggy and I were roommates at Stephen F. Austin for 2 years. She was such an inspiration. So smart and beautiful. I was only able to see her after our graduation - one time at my wedding and one time at a reunion, for I now live in Boise, ID. I will miss her deeply. Condolences to her family. What a wonderful lady. 🌹 Candy Lamb Triolo*

Candy Lamb Triolo - April 01, 2021 at 02:19 AM



“ *Mrs. Leonard impacted my life in many ways. I remember one day I told our class to wear boots to school the next day and Mrs. Leonard showed up in them, she didn't forget. Another memory I have is when I showed up to school in my Longhorn jersey and she gave me a candy just for that. I always had a good laugh with her and have been able to take home great memories and recipes (not to mention shorts and aprons). Her class was my favorite and still continues to be. I still wear the shorts I sewed and will continue to bake pigs in a blanket. Thank you for all the long talks and pushing me to join the cross country team. I will now be running varsity thanks to you. See you in my longhorn uniform Mrs. L! Hook Em'.*

Demi Rodriguez - March 31, 2021 at 10:07 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Leonard.



March 31, 2021 at 09:01 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Leonard.



March 31, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ What a special teacher who gave me so many memories at Hubbard in the 80s. Homemaking was by far my favorite class in middle school. We listened to music during class time and had so much fun learning how to sew and cook.

Jill Chrietzberg - March 31, 2021 at 12:23 PM



“ Chris, Chris, Blake and PJ & Caitlin Worthen purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Peggy Ann Leonard.



Chris, Chris, Blake and PJ & Caitlin Worthen - March 31, 2021 at 09:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Leonard.*



March 31, 2021 at 02:59 AM



“ *Peggy was a sweet wonderful person who touched many lives. She was an avid lover of antiques and primitives which was were I knew her most. She was well respected by many people not only her students but by her antique family.*

David P Head - March 30, 2021 at 09:06 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Leonard.*



March 30, 2021 at 07:57 PM



“ *The TexCen Family purchased the Pink Tribute S pray for the family of Peggy Ann Leonard.*



The TexCen Family - March 30, 2021 at 06:02 PM

HP

“ *Hubbard Students & Staff - past and present purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Peggy Ann Leonard.*



Hubbard Students & Staff - past and present - March 30, 2021
at 03:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Leonard.*



March 30, 2021 at 02:25 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Leonard.*



March 30, 2021 at 02:04 PM



“ *Great picture & such a marvelous home economics teacher at Hubbard. Took after her Mother, who was also a good cook. Blessings to the family, Carolyn Halbrooks Bain*

Carolyn Bain - March 30, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ 32 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 30, 2021 at 12:46 PM

SP

“ Miss Peggy was my homeroom teacher at Hubbard in the late 70's. She was fun, energetic and such a beautiful soul. She let us bring records to class. I'll never forget when I brought a 45 of Donna Summers song, Last Dance. She danced around the room. I will cherish her always and remember how special she made me feel.



Scott Powell

Scott Powell - March 30, 2021 at 12:34 PM

DS

“ David, Mark and family,
We are so very sorry to hear about the loss of your sweet, loving and caring Mom. What a special person she was! We have such wonderful memories of being parents of Soccer players together. Justin absolutely loved Mrs. Leonard! He always had the funniest stories of being in her class, and he was always so proud of what she taught him to cook and to sew. We still have those recipes from her class. She was one of those awesome teachers at Hubbard Middle School, for sure! She will be always be loved and missed by all who knew her. We are sending our prayers to you all.
The Staffords,
David, Debbie, (Justin and Lindsey)

Debbie Stafford - March 30, 2021 at 12:33 PM

ST

“ She was the best! I still make her snickerdoodles! I learned how to sew from her and much more. Sweet lady and teacher!



Sandy Stegall Tomlin - March 30, 2021 at 11:27 AM



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March 30, 2021 at 11:08 AM

VS

“Peggy was loved by all who knew her. I remember many fun times at Hubbard when we taught together for 20 years. She was always quick to help students and teachers alike and her classes always had good food that they shared with all of us. Best wishes to all your family.



Virginia Bartos Smith - March 30, 2021 at 10:37 AM

AR

“You will be missed Mrs. Leonard! You were definitely a huge impact on my life and you taught me so many great lessons. I will forever miss being a student in your class and later your AID for 2 of your classes. Many cookies made and finishing of aprons, boxers, and pillows. Sending prayers and love to your family that was always spoken so highly of. Fly high Mrs. Leonard<3



Alyssa Reeves - March 30, 2021 at 10:04 AM

KP

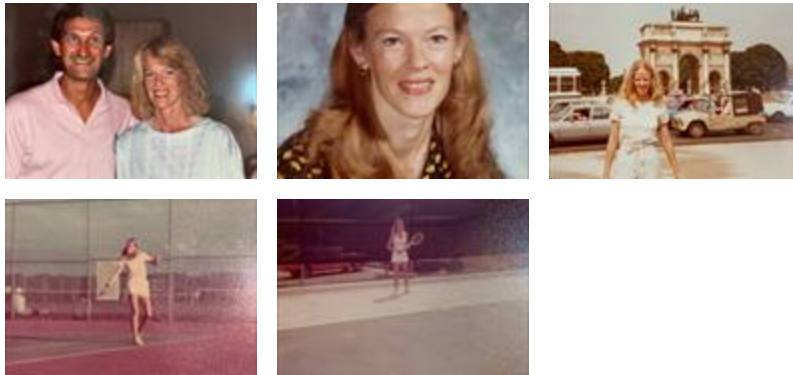
“ Mrs.Leonard was the sweetest most kindest person I ever met. She was the reason I got into crafts. I was honored to know her my 6th and 7th grade and be in her class my 8th grade year at hubbard. She was a Grandma away from home to me. When i graduated from Hubbard she gave me a charm for my bracelet that says “I Love Crafts”. I am now a Freshman in College and still have her charm. I will cherish it forever.



Karleigh Perez - March 30, 2021 at 09:37 AM



“ 14 files added to the album Memories Album



David Leonard - March 30, 2021 at 08:09 AM

JM

This is breaking my heart ! Oh, Peggy, what an incredible and deeply loving and sweet precious natured person you were. My many years teaching at Hubbard with you are so treasured by me and everyone who knew you. I will see you again and that is what is keeping me from falling apart today. I am praying for your family, especially those two sweet sons.

Jeanie Martin - March 30, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



David Leonard - March 30, 2021 at 08:08 AM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



David Leonard - March 30, 2021 at 07:44 AM



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



David Leonard - March 30, 2021 at 07:40 AM



“ Mrs. Leonard taught my husband and my kids at Hubbard. I remember the first time I met her I said, “ so you’re the person I get to thank for the little nachos that my husband loves so much that take forever to make but a half second to eat 🌮🌮🌮”. She said, “I guess that would be me, I’m sorry”. I said, “don’t be, their awesome, but do you have to spread bean dip on each individual chip with a dollop of sour cream and cheese? Is there a faster way?” Well sure but they won’t be as good. I said, you’re right! ❤️ We think of her every time we make them. She was such a wonderful lady. Glad we got to know her through Hubbard and REL soccer. Rest In Peace.

Debbie Germany - March 30, 2021 at 07:20 AM

FH

“ May she rest in eternal peace! Mrs. Leonard was one of my most favorite teachers!! She was my favorite at Hubbard for sure!! I will never forget she helped me make a pair of boxers with frogs on them for my Uncle, which has now passed on. She also helped me make a Tinkerbell blanket, that I still have! She was an amazing teacher & such an inspiration to many, including myself!! She will most definitely be missed!!!!❤️❤️ Prayers for Mrs. Leonard's family & past students!!🙏🙏

Fannishia Haggerty - March 30, 2021 at 02:14 AM

AM

“ Oh my heart is broken. Mrs. Leonard taught me to see and make scratch biscuits. I told her just last year that I had remembered how to sew straight lines, but those corners got me and she said, “ darlin all you do is turn your finger”. I just loved her so much and she remembered every student and was so kind. I know where she is now, so that's comforting. Bless your family.

Allison McKinney - March 29, 2021 at 11:56 PM

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“ Mrs. Leonard taught me so much and was the sweetest lady to ever cross my path. One thing in particular I had learned from her was when we had made cookies in class. She pulled the vanilla extract out to mix in the cookie dough and under my breath I had said how disgusting it was by itself and she heard me and stopped my sentence. I needed that, because of her she taught me a great lesson of not calling any kind of food or ingredients nasty due to it making something so sweet and delicious. Also in my 7th grade year in 2011 she had given me a James Avery ring which I still have to this day. My condolences to the family and friends of her. She will be greatly missed.

Katelin Swink (Wyatt) - March 29, 2021 at 11:23 PM

CN

“ It was so much fun working with Peggy at Hubbard Middle School! She loved life and she loved teaching! We shared a love of travel, antiques and the Texas Longhorns. I will always remember our daily “hall talks”. Peggy will be greatly missed.

Cindy Nick - March 29, 2021 at 11:20 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Leonard.



March 29, 2021 at 11:09 PM

JC

“ Condolences to the family, but what a well lived life for Mrs. Leonard. Hubbard MS was a special place for our family, and Mrs. Leonard embodied the spirit of the school. I remember Mr. Blain and I looking at the schedule and all the kids that wanted her class. Rest In Peace.

Joseph Coburn - March 29, 2021 at 11:00 PM

JC

“ Thank you Mrs. Leonard for everything you did for Blake and Brooke. You were their favorite teacher. You instilled so much into each one of your students. You will always be remembered and loved.

Julie Conner - March 29, 2021 at 06:32 PM