Margaret "Peggy" Wanda Buckley

JANUARY 18, 2023

I’d like to start this by saying, what a blessing it is to have those you love around you in your final days. I was diagnosed with Pulmonary Fibrosis in 2016 which eventually took my life.

I am survived by my husband of 42 years George Clark, dog Sadie, son William Clark and his wife Stephanie Moody (Veronica and Jack), my daughter Beth Clark and her partner Chris Kennedy (Sloan and Bo), stepdaughters Tracy Clark (Nina and Christina), Kim Clark (Larissa) and my sister Mary’s children, Kathrine, Jeffrey and Michael Peter. I have outlived my parents (Jack Buckley and Patricia Buckley (nee Aull)) and my sisters, Mary Peter and Helen Buckley.

I was born on December 8, 1948 in Carrot River, Saskatchewan and moved around Canada with my family during my childhood. I attended schools in Alberta, Manitoba, Quebec and Ontario. I received an Arts Degree from the University of Calgary in Sociology and Political Science and 9/11th of an education degree. I moved overseas in 1971 to pursue adventure. Belaying off Yamnuska Mountain and glissading with an ice axe provided some preparation for crocodile infested swamps, safaris that included being charged by an elephant and… snakes - although, you can never be prepared for snakes. Africa was formative and beautiful but it also cast tragedy as I came close to my death after a man chased me with a hatchet and I was hit by a car attempting to escape. After experiencing Zambian surgical and medical care and four years of teaching at an adult male school in the

bush and having learnt African history from evolution to independence, I moved to London. On scholarship at the University of London, I pursued a degree in African Studies.

When I moved back to Canada in 1977, I had next to nothing in my bank account. So, I accepted a government job advising in Adult Education, in the rural town of LaRonge, where I met the man that nailed my ass to Saskatchewan. George came with a family, having daughters from a first marriage and we expanded the family having two children together and bought a cabin on the lake. With over 40+ years of blood sweat and tears building that cabin, it is a testament to broken fingers, creative swearing, near misses but above all plenty of cherished memories with good people. I am grateful my parents and sisters were able to visit that beloved place. We built a life that was full of rich friends, adventure, much love and an incredible feeling for the land that brought us together - the North and its natural splendor and beauty.

Despite a rich career teaching for both Saskatchewan Universities and consulting on adult education, I found new opportunities to lead and implement various education initiatives through the senior policy roles I held in provincial government at the end of my career. Undoubtably the high points of my life have been the safe birth of both children, raising them, loving them and adoring them but most especially, seeing them create their own families and giving me grandchildren, full of life and bright futures. I am also thankful for the long-term friendships with people like Rod and Betty Spooner, Jim and Donna Scarfe, Bill and Marlette McLaughlin, Donna Woloshyn and many others. Thank you to all the characters that have touched my life in meaningful ways, put a smile on my face, encouraged my warped sense of humour and let me be my authentic self.

In an autobiography I wrote for a CUSO application in 1971, I said I hoped to look back on my life and laugh as well as wonder at what I saw. I feel I can do that.

A private Celebration of Life was held. In lieu of flowers, be kind to one another and support a local charity.

Messages of Condolence

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time Beth, also that you will have the strength needed to cope with your sadness and grief....I will always remember Peggy with admiration and happiness....I am so fortunate to have known her.
Sandra

— william and sandra wismer

Thank you Beth for joining our family!We got to meet your Mom and Dad on several occasions.Your Mom was always smiling ,and she shared some of her wisdom and wit with us!She will be missed!
I am grateful you have the rest of your family to lean on.
Love you!

— Karen Kennedy

My sincere condolences to all those who loved Peggy. I had the pleasure to work with her for a number of years in the Government of Saskatchewan. She was a force to be reckoned with! I enjoyed her wit, wisdom and straight-shooter approach. She will be missed.

— Janet Mitchell

Beth, I wish sincere condolences to you and your family. What a well written obituary. I remember your mom always being very nice but I had no idea of her stories. May your memories of her last forever. Take care.

— Michael Kobayashi

Beth, I am heart broken to learn of your loss. What an amazing woman and role model! How lucky you are to have her in your heart and your memories for life. I am thinking of you with sympathy and love.

— Laura Lee Langley

Beth and George,

My heart breaks at the news of your loss - Peggy was whitty, smart, thoughtful and so kind. I feel lucky that I got to spend some time with her in Regina and remember laughing so much and also having deep discussions. She was so intellectual and loved her family fiercely. I’m thinking of you during this challenging time. Please know how many people she touched.

Claire

— Claire Hanna

My deepest condolences. Peggy was a force. She is in so many of my favourite memories from Regina. My “block mom”, her house was always welcoming and filled with scheming kids set on causing innocent trouble. She was funny, strong, understanding and constantly armed with sage advice. May she rest in power.

— Cassi Smith

I had the good fortune to meet Peggy when I was administrating Adult Education programs. Peggy was a highly respected visionary who deeply respected students' goals and rights as they worked towards achieving their hopes & dreams.

— Jean Esson

Thinking of you George, Beth and William. So many memories over the years of Peggy's force of nature. Our best to you and all family and friends. An amazing woman and friend.

— Jill Stocker and Karl Klarer

I knew Peggy for several years while working for government and had the greatest respect for her knowledge, work ethic, humour and dedication to doing what she believed was right. You could always count on her for expressing her thoughts and being supportive. She will be missed. Condolences to her family.

— Jim Savage

Alternatives
FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES

https://www.myalternatives.ca/obituaries/buckley-margaret-peggy-wanda

Printed on November 18, 2026