



Peggy Ruth Freeman Booth

October 20, 1923 - March 19, 2013

Peggy Ruth Freeman Booth, 89, of Sun City Center, FL, passed away peacefully at home on March 19, 2013. Peggy was born in Norwich, Norfolk, England, on October 20, 1923. She was the daughter of Maisie Eva Freeman and Laurence H. R. Freeman. Peggy grew up in London, and during the World War II Nazi blitz on London, she worked there for the British government.

Peggy met her husband Jesse, an American soldier, and they were married in London in 1944. Although her relatives said it would never last, they were happily married for 69 years. She traveled to America on the British liner the RMS Aquitania, in September, 1944, after Jesse was stationed in France. She lived with his parents in Beaumont, TX, where she became a local celebrity as the first war bride to arrive there. She gave talks about war-time England on the radio and was a guest speaker at many schools. Peggy was also an honored guest at Beaumont High School's homecoming that year, where she was baffled by her first American football game!

After Jesse returned from France at the end of the war, they made their home in Houston, TX, where Peggy devoted her life to raising their two daughters, and Jesse went to work for an oil company.

In 1963, they were transferred to Lafayette, LA, where Peggy organized a large chapter of the Trans-Atlantic Brides and Parents Organization. When they were transferred back to Houston in 1970, Peggy learned the jewelry business. After their move to Dallas in 1978, she continued in the jewelry business as an award-winning saleswoman. She ultimately retired from the fine jewelry department of Neiman Marcus in 1983.

In 1989, Peggy and Jesse moved to Sun City Center, where they embraced an active retirement life with many friends. Peggy studied art at the Sun City Center Art Club, where she became an accomplished artist.

Additionally, Peggy loved reading and traveling. She and Jesse traveled back to England more than thirty times, and as a result, she retained her lovely English accent her entire life. They toured every country in western Europe, especially France. They enjoyed 16 cruises together, the last one being to Australia and New Zealand.

Peggy had one sister, Pauline, whom she dearly loved, who predeceased her on Christmas Day in London in the year 2000.

Peggy is survived by her beloved husband Jesse; her two daughters: Judy Ann Richman of Tampa, FL, and Betty Jean File of Colorado Springs, CO; her son-in-law Kevin File; and her two grandchildren Jason and Kelsie File of Colorado Springs, CO.

Peggy's family and friends will always remember her love of family, her sense of fun and adventure, her contagious laugh, and her passion for life.

The family wishes to thank Pastor Ed Schafer from Trinity Baptist Church in Sun City Center, LifePath Hospice (green team), Peggy's caregivers Mary and Pearl, and Peggy's and Jesse's many friends for their love and support.

A memorial service will be held in Sun City Center at Zipperer's Funeral Home, 1520 33rd St. SE, on Saturday, March 23, at 1:00 p.m.

A private internment will be held at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.

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