



## Margery "Peggy" Helen Etherington

December 15, 1934 - April 9, 2026

MARGERY HELEN ETHERINGTON

1934 – 2026

Margery "Peggy" Helen (Schmanke) Etherington, age 91 of Papillion, NE formerly of Beaver Lake passed away on Thursday, April 9, 2026 at her residence.

Peggy was born on December 15, 1934 to Arthur Schmanke and Frieda (Diepenbrock) Schmanke on a farm thirty miles west of Topeka, KS in rural Alma, KS. Although it was the height of the depression, she never really felt it. Her parents raised cattle, hogs, and chickens and grew all the fruits and vegetables anyone could want. She grew up on her family's farm and was raised and schooled in Alma and Peggy graduated from Alma High School with the class of 1952.

Once Peggy graduated from high school, she was ready to move on. She went to Omaha to attend airline communications school, hoping to find a job in Denver afterward. When that didn't work out, she accepted a position at Mutual of Omaha. Not long after, she met William "Bill" Schrack, they married in October of 1954 and Peggy became the mother of four children: William "Bill", Marla, Monica (Bootsie), and Michelle. Peggy and Bill made their home in many different locations while Bill was serving his country in the United States Navy and later the Air Force. She went on to work at AT&T for 25 years.

In April of 1971, she married Gary L. Etherington. After retiring Peggy and Gary made their home at Beaver Lake and spent some of the best years of their lives there. She loved Murray Presbyterian Church and the many people she met through the church. The church played a big role in making her life so fulfilling.

She is survived by her son: William "Bill" Schrack and his wife Terrie of Papillion, NE; her three daughters: Marla Moulton of Elkhorn, NE, Monica "Bootsie" Schrack of Portland, OR, and Michelle Hiatt and her husband Jeff of Clio, GA; ten grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; her sister: Pat Dismukes of Rockwall, TX; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents: Arthur and Frieda Schmanke, her sister: Betty Worman, three brothers: Jack Dale, Glen Schmanke, and Don Schmanke, and her husbands: Bill Schrack and Gary Etherington.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 A.M., on Friday, April 24, 2026 at Murray Presbyterian Church with Pastor Suzanne Gorhau officiating, Jeff Hiatt as vocalist, and Karla Remmers as the organist.

Services are entrusted to Roby Funeral Home, 346 Avenue A, Plattsmouth, NE 68048. (402) 296-3123 [robbyfuneralhome@charter.net](mailto:robbyfuneralhome@charter.net) [www.robbyfuneralhome.com](http://www.robbyfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **24**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Murray Presbyterian Church  
105 W. Main St.  
Murray, NE 68409

# Tribute Wall



“ *In Heaven's Arms Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margery "Peggy" Helen Etherington.* ”



April 21 at 01:51 PM



“ *Linda, Kyle and Troy Schmanke purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Margery "Peggy" Helen Etherington.* ”



**Linda, Kyle and Troy Schmanke** - April 19 at 05:04 PM



“ *Troy Schmanke lit a candle in memory of Margery "Peggy" Helen Etherington* ”



**Troy Schmanke** - April 15 at 03:22 PM



*Thank you, Troy. We miss her terribly.*

**Marla Moulton** - April 18 at 11:48 PM

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“ *Peggy was so kind and gracious. She would help where needed. I will miss her, especially, her pleasant smile.*

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**Lila Carter** - April 14 at 09:58 PM

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*Thank you those kind words. She will be missed immensely by her family.*

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**Marla Moulton** - April 20 at 01:19 PM