

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Marlyn and Margaret Kruschke

MEMORIAL SERVICE
11:00 a.m. Friday, May 10, 2024
Olson Funeral and Cremation Chapel
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

CLERGY
Reverend Jim Bjork

FAMILY REMEMBRANCES
Sean Kruschke

SCRIPTURE READINGS
1 Corinthians 13: 12-13
Revelation 21: 3-5
Psalms 62: 5-8

RECORDED MUSIC
"I Can Only Imagine" - Mercy Me
"Scars in Heaven" - Casting Crowns
"Seasons of Love" - from the Rent soundtrack
"Let Your Love Flow" - Bellamy Brothers

HONORARY URN BEARERS
Jordy Antrim and Erin Antrim

APPRECIATION
We gratefully acknowledge your attendance and many kind expressions of sympathy during our time of loss. Please join us for lunch following the service.
~ The family of Marlyn and Peg Kruschke

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Kruschke*



Their love story began July 10, 1965

together
THEY BUILT A
LIFE THEY LOVED

Remembering
Margaret “Peg” Kruschke
August 5, 1942 ~ October 31, 2023



Margaret “Peg” Kruschke, 81, of Battle Lake, MN, died Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at her residence.

Peg was born August 5, 1942, in Breckenridge, MN, to George and Frances (Boll) Antrim, Jr. Peg grew up on tenth street north in Breckenridge and attended St. Mary’s Catholic School. As a young girl, she established a relationship with her grandparents Philip and Margaret Boll. She would spend time at their residence in Breckenridge and their cabin on Otter Tail Lake. Peg attended Breckenridge High School, graduating in 1960. During her time in high school, Peg enjoyed time with girlfriends having potlucks and get togethers. She was an avid member of 4-H from 1956-1960. Peg often babysat for neighbors and her siblings. Summertime would find Peg volunteering at the Wilkin County Fair, handing out participation ribbons for fair contests. Peg loved dancing. She and her boyfriend, Marlyn, would often be found at the local canteen dancing and having fun with friends. In the fall of 1960, Peg attended Moorhead State University, in Moorhead, MN, graduating in 1964 with a Bachelor’s degree in English, Speech, and Theatre. She obtained her Master’s degree from St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, MN.

Peg’s first teaching position was in Sauk Rapids, MN, teaching English at Sauk Rapids High School from 1964-1966. Peg and Marlyn were married July 10, 1965, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Breckenridge, MN. Peg worked for St. Cloud School District 742 from 1966 until her retirement in 1999. Some of the buildings included St. Cloud Hospital, St. Cloud Apollo High School, and St. Cloud North Junior High School. Peg and Marlyn were blessed with two children, Kelly 1967 and Sean 1973. Peg enjoyed gardening, golfing, spending time and visiting with neighbors, Christian Women’s group, and a Wednesday teacher’s bowling league at Southway Bowl in St. Cloud, MN.

Retirement life was all about Otter Tail Lake. The family cabin on the south side of Otter Tail Lake was a home away from home on weekends for many years. It was replaced by a newly constructed retirement home in 2000. Peg quickly adapted to retirement taking a part-time server position at Graystone Bar and Restaurant on Otter Tail Lake. She joined a 9-hole Wednesday women’s golf league at Balmoral Golf Course, as well as a women’s bowling league at Shoreline Restaurant and Lanes. Peg loved to read and enjoyed attending a monthly book club meeting. Peg and Marlyn became active in Battle Lake Lion’s Club where she served as a club member, president, and district zone chair. She also enjoyed cooking and baking, hosting family and friends, crossword puzzles, family road trips, camping, gardening, photography, and pontoon rides on Otter Tail Lake. Peg was a very charismatic, kind-hearted individual, and a lover of life.

Preceding her in death were her parents; brother, Patrick Antrim; nephew, Matthew Antrim; sister-in-law, Gayle Kruschke; and brothers-in-law, Merle Kruschke and Delwin Kruschke.

Peg is survived by her husband, Marlyn; daughter, Kelly Kruschke of Battle Lake; son, Sean Kruschke of Battle Lake; sister, Michele Antrim (Tom Rieschick) of Fergus Falls, MN; brother, George Antrim III of Minneapolis, MN; sister-in-law, Jolene (Bob) Wurst of Montrose, CO; and many nieces and nephews.

Blessed be the memory of Peg Kruschke

Remembering
Marlyn Kruschke
April 15, 1942 ~ April 9, 2024



Marlyn Orville Kruschke died Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at his residence in Battle Lake, MN under the care of his family.

Marlyn was born April 15, 1942 in Breckenridge, MN to Orville and Myrtle (Osborn) Kruschke. As a child, Marlyn grew up on a farm in Sunnyside Township until the family moved to Breckenridge, MN at the age of five years old. A typical boy, Marlyn loved the outdoors. Days were spent fishing, hunting, swimming in the river, going to movies, and bicycling around town with friends. He had his own Star

Tribune and Fargo Forum paper route, and later worked at Thulen’s Pioneer Meats. After graduating from Breckenridge High School in 1960, Marlyn, and his girlfriend Peggy Antrim, attended Moorhead State University in Moorhead, MN. He graduated in 1964 with a Bachelor’s degree in English, Speech, and Theatre.

Marlyn’s first teaching job, the fall of 1964, landed him in Isle, MN as an English teacher. His relationship with Peg continued to blossom. July 10, 1965, Marlyn and Peg wed at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Breckenridge, MN. In the fall of 1965, Marlyn attended graduate school at St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, MN. He received his Master’s degree in Counseling in 1976. Marlyn started teaching English, Speech, and Theatre at Sauk Rapids High School in Sauk Rapids, MN, in 1966. Marlyn and Peg had two children, Kelly 1967 and Sean 1973. During his years living in Sauk Rapids, MN, Marlyn was active in Civic Club, Rotary Club, Sauk Rapids Township (clerk), and a weekly teacher’s bowling league at Southway Bowl in St. Cloud, MN.

In 1999, Marlyn retired from teaching and moved to Otter Tail Lake. A home away from home for many years of their life, spending weekends and summers at the cabin prior to retiring. After completing a newly constructed retirement home on Otter Tail Lake, Marlyn and Peg enjoyed pontooning, gardening, golfing, camping, and traveling to visit friends and family. Marlyn was a member of local organizations and clubs in the Battle Lake area, including Men’s 9-hole League at Balmoral Golf Course, Battle Lake Lions Club (president and district zone chair), Everts Township (supervisor), and Otter Tail Property Owner’s Association (president and member). Marlyn was also active in the Breckenridge All School Senior Reunion Committee. He enjoyed morning coffee with friends at the Shoreline Restaurant and Lanes.

Marlyn was an avid listener of music, especially 50’s and 60’s rock and roll and Frank Sinatra. He also enjoyed watching movies and musicals. Marlyn was an avid story teller. Staying connected to his farming roots, he had a passion for mowing and lawn care, maintaining the 28 acres behind their home. Marlyn loved water fowl and deer hunting with Sean, as well as summer and winter fishing. Marlyn and Peg often traveled with Kelly to work conferences across the United States.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife, Margaret “Peg” Antrim Kruschke, and siblings, Delwin Kruschke, Merle Kruschke, and Gayle Kruschke.

He is survived by his children, Kelly Kruschke and Sean Kruschke both of Battle Lake; sister, Jolene Wurst (Bob) of Montrose, CO; sister-in-law, Michele Antrim (Tom Rieschick) of Fergus Falls, MN; brother-in-law, George Antrim III of Minneapolis, MN and many nieces and nephews.

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