



## Margaret "Peggy" VanNuys Howard

July 1, 1930 - April 26, 2018

Margaret "Peggy" VanNuys Howard, 87, of Indianapolis, died April 26, 2018 after a long illness. She was born July 1, 1930 in Sunbury, PA, the daughter of Mary Haines and Dr. John D. VanNuys. She married Frank S. "Bud" Howard and they were married for over 64 years. Peggy is survived by two daughters, Margaret "Peggy" A. Vest (Robert) of New Palestine, IN, and Susan K. Howard (Gene Frank) of Norristown, PA; three sons, David S. Howard (Sue) and Jeffrey W. Howard (Shari) both of Indianapolis, and Douglas G. Howard (Kim) of Avon, IN; a sister, Cathy Milby of Fairhope, AL; and brother, John H. VanNuys (Nancy) of Greenwood, IN; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband "Bud"; a son, Steven T. Howard; and both parents.

Peggy graduated from Tudor Hall in Indianapolis in 1948, and attended Indiana University where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She was a member of Cottonwood Christian Church in Morgantown, IN. After the death of her 18 year old son, Steve, she became very active with the American Cancer Society where she became very involved with patient services. She served two years as President of the Marion County Unit of the American Cancer Society and twelve years on the Indiana State Board of Directors. Upon learning the former Indiana University Cyclotron was being converted to a proton therapy treatment center, Bud and Peg set about raising the necessary funds to build a facility for patients and their families. Her

volunteer spirit let her and her husband, Bud, to found and build Jill's House in Bloomington, IN, a hospitality house for patients undergoing life-saving treatments at the Midwest Proton Therapy Institute. They worked tirelessly to affect change for families undergoing cancer treatments. Jill's House opened in 2008.

A private family memorial will be held and interment will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Rd., with visitation one hour prior.

Friends may share a memory or send a condolence at [www.shirleybrothers.com](http://www.shirleybrothers.com). The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society and/or Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis. The family would also like to thank the staff of Clearvista Lake Health Campus for their care and support of both Peg and her family over the last several months.

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel  
9900 N. Allisonville Road  
Fishers, IN 46038  
(317) 841-7878  
info@shirleybrothers.com  
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## Celebration of Life

MAY 1. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Rest in piece Aunt Peggy I love and miss u very much say hi to Uncle Bud and my granny and pappy! Love always your niece Meredith*

meredith vannuys - May 04, 2018 at 08:52 PM

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“ *What a remarkable woman Peg was! Bud and Peg were a major part of my life for the 7 years that Jill's House served cancer patients and their families. I have nothing but fond memories (and a lot of photos :-)) of the both of them! Sending much love to the wonderful Howard Family. Susan Dabkowski*

Susan Dabkowski - May 02, 2018 at 11:59 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Margaret "Peggy" VanNuys Howard.*



April 30, 2018 at 07:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margaret "Peggy" VanNuys Howard.*



April 30, 2018 at 02:54 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret "Peggy" VanNuys Howard.*



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April 30, 2018 at 11:31 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret "Peggy" VanNuys Howard.*



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April 30, 2018 at 11:01 AM



“ *I miss you more and more everyday Grandma. I am so beyond blessed to have had you in my life for as long as I did. I hope you are having a great time catching up with everyone in heaven and all of us down here miss you very much but we are very glad you aren't suffering anymore. I will cherish and love our precious times that we had together. You were one of my very best friends and I am crushed about this but I am staying strong for you.  
Love your baby granddaughter  
Shelby Anne Howard aka Snickelfritz*

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**shelby howard** - April 29, 2018 at 10:13 PM



“ *Love and prayers to the Howard family. It was a privilege to know Peggy. I spent many hours with her at Jill's House. She was a jewel in so many ways. BJ Walls*

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**BJ Walls** - April 27, 2018 at 03:54 PM

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*Prayers to all the family as you lay your loved one to rest.  
Was blessed to meet Peggy through her beautiful Granddaughter  
Kristin as she became a member of our family.*

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**Marg Buechler** - April 28, 2018 at 09:57 PM