

Years ago I took a job in the Economics Department. On my first day I met Peggy and her family. From that day Peggy became a part of my life and my family's life.

Peggy has been a constant friend in my life for many years. She was always giving to others and a great listener.

After her last retirement, she would return to Duke at least a week a month. She started staying with me and my family, Ken and Victoria. We had just moved into our new home. The first time she stayed with us we only had a mattress and box spring on the floor in the guest room. Over time we put more furniture in the room and our guest room became Peggy's room. Today we still refer to this as Peggy's room.

Peggy was a true friend in my life. With questions about Victoria as a baby to helping understand her as she would grow into a teenager. Peggy was always willing to listen. When Ken was sent away on 2 military deployments one to Afghanistan and one to Iraq, Peggy sent cards and packages to Ken. But, she was my rock. During the deployments Peggy would talk with me most everyday, keeping me positive and understanding. As I tell you about Peggy's friendship with my family Ken has left for his 3<sup>rd</sup> deployment once again in Iraq. I truly miss Peggy during this deployment.

Peggy and I shared a love for cooking. We shared many recipes and good times in the kitchen. Each of us had a favorite pound cake recipe. We also shared a love for planting flowers. I have many plants that Peggy shared with me. I have hostas from Lake Hyco home and irises from her home in Huntersville.

For the last several years Peggy would address her Christmas cards at night while staying with us. She would settle in the family room with a lap full of cards. Write a few cards then take a nap. She would wake herself up nodding and write a few more cards. We would all try to keep very quiet and let her have her nap, but we would never tell her that she would snore.

Peggy was truly a blessing in my life and my families' life. We truly love Peggy and we miss her in all aspects of our lives everyday. ~ Rhonda Wioskowski