

In Loving Memory



MARGARET (PEGGY) TOY

On Saturday, November 4, the Ossining Public Library family lost a dear friend and co-worker, Margaret (Peggy) Toy. Peggy, a long-time Library Page, was a shining part of our day here at the Library. Peggy went about her work efficiently and with great attention to detail. She kept our magazine collection in tip top shape and took a great deal of pride in her work. Peggy greeted us each day with her warm smile, asked after our families, shared tidbits about her day, and was a joyful part of our lives. Peggy loved music, her church — the First Presbyterian Church in Ossining—, and her friends. She also loved her work here at the library.

Our staff has many, many fond memories of Peggy. Here are just a few:

My best memory of Peggy is around every year at Christmastime for at least two days in a row Peggy would either come to my office or just see me around the office and ask me, "Carry, are you working tomorrow?" My answer usually was "Yes Peggy, I will be working." Then she said, "See you tomorrow." And sure enough first thing in the morning, she was knocking at my door with a precious gift for me. It would be a quick visit; but I always opened my gift right there in front of her and while opening my gift, I would tell her "Peggy open yours - you would like what it is" her answer always was "Carry, I open my gifts on Christmas Day!" I have to say I do not remember when this gift exchange started, but I am so very glad to have those special moments with an amazing, dedicated and loving human being. I'll miss you every day, Peggy. —Carry

What I always found to be so sweet of Peggy was that she would always ask me how my children were. She wanted to know what new "tricks" my son had learned and she was stunned to learn that my daughter knew how to write her name at 3 years old and could count to 10 in Spanish. I still expect her to walk through the door. Her attention to detail was unmatched and it was clear she took pride in the job she did here every day. We were lucky to have her. I miss Peggy more than I know how to put into words. —Marie

Peggy always rescued flowers that had fallen, broken off, or were trampled underfoot, to leave on my desk. It was such a touching gesture. Sometimes they revived; other times they didn't. But she carried them carefully to the library hoping they would survive. She listened to alternative music, loved NASCAR racing and did quite a bit of embroidery. —Chris

Peggy found great peace listening to Kevin O'Leary play the grand piano in the old building, most mornings from about 8:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. —John H.

Peggy was a delight to work with all these years. She had a kind way about her that was refreshing to see at work every day. She always said hello and asked about the concerts. We had many nice conversations about many different topics. She had a strong work ethic and will be missed around the library. —James

We will miss Peggy more than words can say!

On Sunday, December 3rd at 1:00 p.m. there will be a service at the First Presbyterian Church in Ossining celebrating the life of Peggy Toy. There will also be a graveside service on Saturday, November 18 at 11:00 a.m. at Dale Cemetery.