



Ms. Susan "Peggy" Fort

March 15, 1966 - March 31, 2025

Susan Margaret "Peggy" Fort, 59, of Hoffman Estates, Illinois.

Mathew 5:16 : Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Irish Blessing: May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face. And rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

Susan Margaret Fort, better known by her nickname, Peggy, was a beautiful, giving soul with an optimistic and sunny disposition. She lived life to the fullest with no regrets. Her Faith, family and friends were the most important things in her life, and she loved them "to infinity and beyond."

She was the loving daughter and forever friend to her Dad (the late Edward Fort Jr) and Mom, Suzanne Stoops. Longtime devoted partner and best friend to Daniel J. Buchanan. Little sister to siblings: the late Edward C. Fort, Kimberly Fort, Tracy Hall, Richard Fort and Linda Hinkle. She was also a favorite aunt to her many nieces and nephews all of whom she loved very much. She was Blessed to have many wonderful friends whom she loved unconditionally and considered her extended family.

A native of Hoffman Estates, Illinois, at 18, Peggy left the Chicago area to attend Orange Coast College in California. She never looked back – becoming a California girl residing in her beloved Newport Beach for most of her adult life.

Faith and spiritual development were a big part of Peggy's life, and these continued to evolve into adulthood. Baptized Lutheran, she decided to become a Catholic in 2005. She loved volunteering and serving the Church as an adult Faith formation sponsor for many years.

Peggy loved the beach, sunsets, nature, animals, competing in sports, entertaining friends and was a passionate world traveler. Few people knew, because she didn't pursue it past high school, that she was a creative and talented artist and painter. A natural athlete, Peggy was a pre-elite gymnast in her early years, a collegiate NCAA spring board diver and a competitive runner, having completed twenty three marathons for charity as an adult including one Boston Marathon qualifying run. She loved snowboarding, surfing, scuba diving and hiking.

A graduate of California State University, Chico, she was a natural leader elected to serve as its Commissioner of Programs and Organizations. Upon graduation, she landed a brief stint teaching scuba diving in Micronesia to Japanese tourists.

Following her passion, she then began a colorful career in ski industry marketing. She lived in her beloved Lake Tahoe for most of her twenties before landing high profile positions in tourism marketing for the Cities of Newport Beach and Los Angeles where she served as the Director of Public Relations. An entrepreneur at heart, Peggy then started her own successful marketing agency California Marketing Concepts - CMC Inc. which she ran for 22 years, located in Corona Del Mar.

Peggy served as President and CEO of California Marketing Concepts, her full-service marketing and public relations firm. For over 20 years she helped to promote destinations and restaurants, non-profit organizations, and local businesses. Her firm represented many high profile clients, such as the Cities of Newport Beach, Los Angeles, and Santa Monica, as well as Balboa Island, the OC Marathon, Starbucks Coffee Company, McDonald's Restaurants and over four hundred restaurants and small businesses.

A big part of her business philosophy was to give back to the community by organizing, participating, and financially supporting charity events. Peggy felt like this was one of her biggest accomplishments. It made her so happy to be able to help others. Peggy's long-standing commitment to her community was recognized by the State of California when the State Assembly named Peggy the 2021 Woman of Distinction for the City of Newport Beach, California.

Peggy's friends and neighbors will undoubtedly remember Peggy for her strength and grit, but also for her gentle, generous, and fun spirit. Her 4th of July Independence Day barbecues (she was a true Patriot) and Christmas Boat Parade parties on the Newport Harbor were ever festive. Her gift-wrapping skills – always with her signature silver sparkle – were unparalleled! Never one to boast of her many good deeds, she was consistently and quietly there for anyone when a helping hand was needed.

Peggy believed that, by the Grace of God, Heaven is a place where your hopes, dreams and memories beautifully come together in a glorious afterlife. In her last years of life, she held her Blessings and wonderful memories close. She dreamed vividly with compassion and happiness and looked forward to abundance and the Love to come once the good Lord would come calling to take her home.

Peggy lives forever in the hearts of all those she has touched.

Family and friends are asked to meet on Saturday, April 19, 2025 at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner of Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, IL 60169 from 1:00 P.M. till time of funeral service at 4:00 P.M..

If you are unable to attend the visitation in person but would like to attend virtually please [CLICK HERE \(https://www.morizzofuneralhome.com/obituaries/susan-fort/#!/PhotosVideos\)](https://www.morizzofuneralhome.com/obituaries/susan-fort/#!/PhotosVideos) and click on the [WEBCASTING VIDEO](#) link. The livestream will start at approximately 1:00 P.M..

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Peggy's name to ALS Therapy Development Institute (<https://www.als.net/donate/?soc=blog815>)

The family has created this Life Tributes page to make it easy to share your memories, photos, and videos. For those of you that would have attended services and would like to express your condolences please click on the "Share A Memory" link above and you can leave a message. If you wish to send a Sympathy Card, please feel free to send it to Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, 60169 c/o the Family; we will gladly forward it on to the family.

For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444. Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, at 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169.

Cemetery Details

The Directors at Morizzo Funeral Home entrusted with any Visitation, Funeral & Committal; requested.

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Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Susan "Peggy" Fort*



Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - April 17, 2025 at 09:42 AM

AK

“ *My sweet aunt Peggy, my Godmother and mentor. I looked up to her as a true role model and growing up I wanted to be just like her. She was an independent business woman who knew that anything was possible especially with persistence and a smile. I will forever cherish our memories, visiting you in Newport Beach, (Balboa Island) living there for a short time, going to Lake Tahoe, snowboarding at Northstar and Squaw Valley, and so much more. You made every trip special. When I was little everything with you always felt so fancy and I always felt like we were celebrities. Haha. My heart is broken that you are no longer with us. Although I am happy you are free from the terrible disease that ALS is, you never deserved that pain.*

Peggy was so much fun and such a beautiful light that would brighten any room she walked in. I know you are in heaven watching over us now. I know you are free and at peace. I love you Peggy.

Alexa Kolar - April 21, 2025 at 10:43 AM

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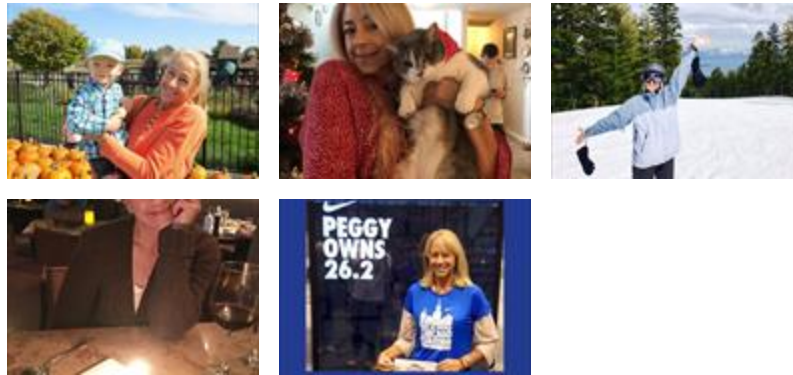
“ Yoshi and Rion Ono purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ms. Susan "Peggy" Fort.



Yoshi and Rion Ono - April 15, 2025 at 12:45 AM

LH

“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



Linda Hinkle - April 10, 2025 at 12:09 AM

FF

“ From the Orange Coast College Foundation planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan "Peggy" Fort.

From the Orange Coast College Foundation - April 09, 2025 at 05:26 PM

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“ From the Orange Coast College Foundation purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Ms. Susan "Peggy" Fort.



From the Orange Coast College Foundation - April 09, 2025 at 05:26 PM

JB

“ Dear Sweet Peggy... may you now and forever rest in peace and be free of pain. I am so sorry for all the suffering you endured in the past years. I will always remember how much your wonderful-caring Mom loved you as I am sure all your family did (Linda, Rick, et al). I didn't see you often, but when you were in my presence you were certainly a beautiful 'spark of life!' May God bless and watch over you and I pray you are now in the Heavens above safely at the side of your Dad, Ed; your brother, Eddie, Jr and your Grandmother, et al. Peace be with you, sweet Peggy! Sending my love your way as you RIP. Joanne

Joanne Baranski - April 07, 2025 at 07:10 PM

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“Peggy is someone I will never forget. We had opportunity to work together on many marketing projects here in Orange County. Peggy was smart hardworking determined creative a ton of fun and a true friend. It was so hard to watch this debilitating disease Rob her of many of those beautiful qualities. I am happy that she's in the arms of God free of the pain that she suffered on this Earth and that she has so many dear friends and family who love her and miss her. This is one of my favorite pictures it was taken shortly after she was diagnosed but it didn't stop her from marathoning



Angela Claire Cortright - April 05, 2025 at 06:26 PM

LH

“Oh My dearest sister: there are no words to describe how I feel right now. Most of all I miss you!! The you before ALS took over, and robbed you of many years. I will never forget all of our cherished memories!! Too many to list on here. I am beyond proud of how hard you fought and how brave you were. You are loved so very very much!! Forever & ever. Nothing can take that away from us. I will cherish all of our late night chats. So honored to be your sister. You are now free from all the pain you never deserved. My heart is broken. I will keep your memory alive in my heart until we meet again! I love you to infinity and beyond! Love your sis, Linda 🙏🙏🥹



Linda Hinkle - April 04, 2025 at 06:59 PM



“ *Divine Light* was purchased for the family of Ms. Susan "Peggy" Fort.



April 04, 2025 at 05:24 PM