



Peggy Ann Lecour

April 13, 1932 - February 15, 2022

Peggy Lecour, 89, passed peacefully on February 15, 2022 at The Citadel of Bourbonnais. She will be remembered as a woman who loved life, a talented artist and loyal friend.

Born Margaret Ann Randles on April 13, 1932, in Kankakee, she is preceded in death by her husband of 38 years, L. Paul Lecour, Jr., and her parents, Katherine Doolin Randles and Marshall A. Randles, and brother, Richard M. Randles.

Mrs. Lecour attended St. Patricks High School and graduated from Kankakee High School. She lived on the East Coast for many years, working in the men's fashion industry in New York City before marrying Lecour and relocating to Peoria.

She is survived by her son W. David Hammond of Vermont and daughter Peggy Ann Swanlund of California; three grandchildren, Nierika Hammond Nims and Julian Hammond, both of Massachusetts, and John Swanlund of California. Great-granddaughter, Maya Nims of Massachusetts, two brothers, James M. Randles of Virginia, Lawrence R. Randles of New York; a sister, Mary Lu Laffey of Michigan, and many nieces and nephews survive.

In Peoria, Mrs. Lecour was active as a performer and supporter of Peoria

Players Theatre and Corn Stock Theatre. She celebrated her 60th birthday by signing up for tap dance lessons and enrolling in art extension classes at Bradley University. It was there that she rekindled her desire to paint and realized her watchwords would become "Color is joy." Drawing inspiration from the Impressionists, she found subjects in her garden, her home and from places she and her husband discovered while traveling across the country and around the world.

Active with the Community Arts Council of Kankakee County, Mrs. Lecour served on its board of directors. In 2017 she was honored with the organization's Outstanding Member Award. She was elected both Secretary and Vice President of the Kankakee Art League. Her work appeared at the Kankakee County Historical Society Museum, Strawberry Festivals, Wright in Kankakee events at the Bradley House and annual Arts & Crafts Strolls. One-woman shows spotlighted her work at Iroquois County Old Courthouse Museum, Watseka, the Gretchen Charlton Art Gallery, Kankakee and at The Merchandise Mart in Chicago.

A celebration of life will be planned for a later date. Cremation rites were accorded by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. Please sign her guestbook at clancygernon.com.

Memorials may be made to The Salvation Army at give.salvationarmyusa.org

Tribute Wall

AB

“ I had the pleasure of meeting and having many conversations with Peggy at Citadel. She was a lovely woman.

alexandria bakker - February 24, 2022 at 03:04 PM

BR

“ My condolences to Peggy's family. I had the pleasure of knowing her during her stay at Citadel. What a charming, interesting lady. I also had the privilege of seeing some of her paintings that were hanging in her room. What a wonderful talent she had.

Bonnie Ross

Bonnie Ross - February 20, 2022 at 06:57 PM

BM

“ I met Peggy when she and Paul moved from Peoria & purchased their home on E. Emory Street from me. It was a memorable and pleasurable transaction! The loss of Peggy will be a big loss to the Kankakee area and Kankakee arts community!

Berry McCracken - February 19, 2022 at 09:30 PM

SH

“ I met Peggy perhaps five years ago and had the most wonderfully encouraging and inspiring conversations with her only two or three times. We shared our love of art and cats and clothes and homemade bread. John introduced us and she was one of the first people I met after buying a home across from Cobb Park. Rest In Peace dear neighbor and I will feel your spirit every time I walk by your house.

Susan Henke and John Brandt-1104 S. Wildwood Ave.

Susan Henke - February 19, 2022 at 05:51 PM

GW

“ I met Peggy through the theater. What a generous, loving, uplifting person! She came to me for singing lessons for several years. She loved to sing and enjoyed her lessons almost as much as I did. She would do anything for you. Loved to be onstage or backstage and worked hard and joyfully on both sides. I can honestly say I'm a better person for knowing Peggy.

Gina Wright - February 19, 2022 at 03:27 PM

DM

“ I have many fond memories of time spent with my Aunt Peggy, a woman I admired for her courage and talent. May she rest in peace. My love to David and Peggy and all of our family.

Debbi Randles Mogensen - February 18, 2022 at 11:14 AM

DD

“ With heartfelt condolences to Peggy's family. She had a love for life and a beautiful way of expressing her joy in her paintings. I cherish our friendship.



Diane DesMarteau - February 16, 2022 at 10:23 PM

JG

“ Joseph Giacchino lit a candle in memory of Peggy Ann Lecour



Joseph Giacchino - February 16, 2022 at 08:21 PM