



Margaret "Peg" Ellen Harris Steward

February 3, 1927 - April 26, 2025

It is with great sadness that we bid adieu to our mother, Margaret Ellen Harris Steward. Now she has reunited with her husband, Jerry Hanlen Steward, and is enjoying all her friends and family who passed before her.

Peg leaves behind five children: Elizabeth (Robert) Garner, Jeffery (Lisa) Steward, Jason (Cynthia) Steward, Ellen Steward, and Eileen Steward; seven grandchildren: Anders, Tristin, Jenna, Lauren, Tim, Daniel, and Darby; and five great-grandchildren: Devin, Drake, Samuel, Saul, Theo, and three more on the way. She is also fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews, their children, and grandchildren as a wonderful and very exciting role model.

Peg was born in Schenectady, New York, on February 3, 1927, to Leo Kern Harris and Verda Alice (Griswold) Harris. The family returned to Michigan, and she graduated from Redford High School in 1944. She graduated from Michigan State College (now Michigan State University) in 1950 with a degree in elementary education and was a teacher her entire life. She started her master's degree at UCLA, but life had other opportunities, and she returned to Michigan to teach in Detroit Public Schools.

She met her husband, Jerry, on a blind date. Both were busy people, but they somehow figured out how to fit into each other's lives.

Throughout her life, Peg loved to travel and visited many places. Jerry always said that she either “lived next door to, went to school with, or was related to” most everyone she met. Her travels took her around the world 1 ½ times, visiting six of the seven continents, missing only Antarctica.

She is predeceased by her loving husband, Jerry, parents, in-laws, one niece, one nephew, and one grandchild.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on May 17, 2025, at the United Methodist Church of Cadillac. Visitation will be one hour before the service. Interment will take place later at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Indian River.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to Eversight (3985 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108), Little Traverse Conservancy (3264 Powell Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740), or to the charity of your choice. Many thanks to Hospice of Michigan for assisting in her final days.

An online guestbook is available www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

United Methodist Church of Cadillac
1020 E Division St
Cadillac, MI 49601-8537
(231) 775-5362

Tribute Wall

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“ To Eileen and family,
Please accept our deepest condolences for your loss. We had the enjoyment of meeting her on a couple of occasions and walked away both times amazed by her sharp mind and wit. It appears safe to say that she lived a full life and loved her family. We'll remember her with fondness.

Thom & Lynette McCormick

Thomas McCormick - May 16, 2025 at 04:32 PM

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“ Remembering your mother with fondness and respect. Our mothers were such fast friends enjoying their DAR days together. We will miss Peg and share your grief.

Elizabeth Heller - May 16, 2025 at 11:25 AM

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“ Just learned of Peg's passing yesterday. I'm so terribly sorry. I hope she's enjoying a DAR reunion with my mom in heaven. -Emily Hopp Salvette

Emily Salvette - May 16, 2025 at 10:43 AM

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“ *For Elizabeth Garner, Eileen Steward, and Ellen Steward,*

Please know that Madam State Regent Brady, the Executive Board, and every Michigan Daughter send comfort to you during this difficult time. Mrs. Steward must have been an extraordinary woman to have parented such wonderful women. The Daughters of the American Revolution stand with Honorary State Regent Garner, and fellow Daughters Eileen and Ellen Steward.

Eileen Rhodes - May 01, 2025 at 04:23 PM