

MARGERY PEFFER



Margery Elaine (Dickey) Pepper, age 95, of Glen Mills, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on August 10, 2024. She was a long-time resident of Pittsburgh, PA, and spent her retirement years at Longwood at Oakmont and more recently, the Residence at Chadds Ford. Born in Pittsburgh, PA, on August 19, 1928, she was the daughter of the late Lloyd Dickey and the late Muriel (Dott) Dickey.

She was predeceased by her husband of 67 years John "Jack" Pepper, her sister, Virginia Baird, and her brother, George "Buddy" Dickey.

Margery earned a B.S. in Chemistry from Allegheny College, and a Master's in Library Science from Carnegie Institute of Technology. Her 45-year career at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Science & Technology Dept. (with a break for kids) was capped by the publication of two widely read editions of "The Handy Science Answer Book." Marge's life was centered around family and friends at the Christian Church of Wilkinsburg, where she was a lifelong member. She served the congregation and community in many ways: as treasurer and trustee, officer of the Christian Women's Fellowship, soprano in the choir, and Bethany Class member. After retirement, she helped to create the "New to You Shop" at the church, a community thrift shop that has served hundreds of people over the decades.

Margery is survived by her children, Linda Powell, Richard Pepper, and Nancy Pepper, and their spouses, Jerry Powell, Patty Pepper, and Jeff Arriza. She cherished spending time with her four grandchildren, Susan Powell and Dana Buchbinder; Emily and Eric Pepper, their spouses, Ben Hansell, Ishai Buchbinder, and Derek Dulaney; and four great-grandchildren, Sam, Morris, Starry, and Fern.

Marge and Jack shared a love of classical music, singing in the church choir, long driving vacations with their children, and playing golf and bridge. Science was a common theme in the Pepper household, and all three children pursued careers in the sciences.

Margery had a quick and active mind, a warm smile, and a gift for subtle humor that enriched the lives and brought joy to those who knew her.

A memorial service will be held from 2 - 3pm on September 21, 2024, at the Christian Church of Wilkinsburg, 748 Wallace Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15221, with a brief reception to follow at the church. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Margery's memory may be made to Christian Church of Wilkinsburg.

Arrangements are by **BURKET-TRUBY FUNERAL HOME**, Oakmont, Pennsylvania, 412- 828-3535. To view Margery's online obituary and leave condolences, please visit

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