



## Peggy Jo Risbeck

April 21, 1932 - November 19, 2020

Peggy Jo Risbeck of Rolla, MO entered Heaven on Thurs. Nov. 19, 2020 at the age of 88. She was born on April 21, 1932 in Portales, NM to the late H. Howard and Verna L. (Brandon) Jones.

Peggy became a teacher and her early career led her around the world. She taught and loved children in Buttonwillow, CA, Okinawa, Morocco, Japan, and England. While in England she met Air Force pilot J. Stephen "Steve" Risbeck and they were married Oct. 17, 1964.

Peggy and Steve settled in Rolla, MO where they raised their two children: Walter R. and Sara A.. Peggy was a devoted and loving wife and mother, always teaching love of and service to Jesus Christ and to all mankind. Peggy taught at Pershing, Benton, and Mark Twain Elementary Schools in Rolla. Following retirement she served in the CASA program and the AWANA club at church. She was a member of Salem Ave. Baptist Church for 50+ years and was an active member of the Missouri Retired Teachers Association.

Peggy was overjoyed to become a grandmother and frequently visited her 6 granddaughters and 2 grandsons. She was thrilled to become a great-grandmother in February 2020.

For recreation, Peggy listened to Bluegrass and Gospel music, worked crossword puzzles, and visited neighbors and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, H. Howard Jones and Verna L. Jones; Step-Mother Lenore Jones; four brothers: Michael, Paul, Bob and Bud Jones; and husband, Steve Risbeck.

She is survived by her children, Walter R. Risbeck (Kristin) of Greenwood, IN, and Sara A. (Risbeck) Perkins (Steve) of Rolla, MO; granddaughters Michelina Risbeck, Samantha (Risbeck) Joynt (Rick), Alexandria Risbeck, Erin Perkins, Robin Perkins and Allison Perkins; grandsons Maverick Risbeck and Zachary Risbeck; great granddaughter Caroline Joynt; sisters Veta Hall of Clovis CA, Floanne Hunter of Fresno CA; Step-sister Linda Alioto of Salem, OR; brothers Jim Jones of Oakdale, CA and Coy Jones of Salem, MO; 17 nieces and nephews; and a host of extended family and friends.

Services for Peggy will be at James and Gahr Mortuary 1651 Hwy 72, Rolla, MO, with visitation Fri. Nov. 27 from 5-7 PM, and Funeral service Sat. Nov. 28 at 11 AM. Interment will be at Rolla City Cemetery. All required COVID safety measures will be observed. Memorials may be made to Missouri Retired Teachers Association.

# Cemetery Details

**Rolla City Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

NOV **27**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla  
1651 E. Hwy 72  
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### Service

NOV **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Peggy Jo Risbeck*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Peggy Jo Risbeck*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *BETTY HODGES lit a candle in memory of Peggy Jo Risbeck*



**BETTY HODGES** - November 29, 2020 at 01:12 PM



“ *Walter and Sara, you are in our thoughts and prayers. God blessed you with a wonderful mom who will be missed. Cherish the beautiful memories that will give you joy and peace. Will talk with you soon. Love Aunt Mardeen and family*

**Mardeen Jones** - November 28, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ *The Jones Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Peggy Jo Risbeck.*



**The Jones Family** - November 25, 2020 at 03:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peggy Jo Risbeck.*



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November 25, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ *So very sorry we can't be together but we are sending our love. We have wonderful memories of aunt Peggy and will cherish them. Praying for comfort and peace for you all. Love, The Aguiars*

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**Robyn Aguiar** - November 25, 2020 at 12:56 PM



*Sarah and Walter, you have been in my thoughts and prayers. We were so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She will be dearly missed by us, but reunited with her parents and brothers. Will talk with you soon. Wishing both your families all our love. God blessed you with a wonderful mother. Cherish all the memories and joy she gave to all of you.*

*My love,  
Aunt Mardeen, Heather, Kevin and families*

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**Mardeen Jones** - November 28, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ *Clay, Trimble, Aguiar, and Hinthorne Families purchased the Ever Upward Bouquet for the family of Peggy Jo Risbeck.*



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**Clay, Trimble, Aguiar, and Hinthorne Families** - November 25, 2020 at 12:41 PM

VH

“ *My sister, my playmate, my partner in mischief, my mentor, how I will miss you until we meet again. Love. Veta, Floanne and families*

Veta Hall - November 24, 2020 at 10:08 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy Jo Risbeck.*



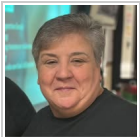
November 24, 2020 at 06:48 PM

TF

“ *Tha Fanolios purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Peggy Jo Risbeck.*



Tha Fanolios - November 24, 2020 at 04:44 PM



“ *Walter and Sara, so saddened to hear of your Mom's passing. She was a wonderful woman and will be greatly missed by so many of the lives she touched. I will share this with my mom (Verna Cope) and I'm sure it will bring many wonderful memories to her of she and your mother. Love and peace to you two and your families. Sylvia Cope-Shomshor*

Sylvia Cope-Shomshor - November 24, 2020 at 09:12 AM

CU

“ I remember Mrs Risbeck being my teacher at Flat Grove Country School. I would see her in town and she would still remember me and ask about my brother. Great memories! So sorry for they family's loss. Connie Uetrecht

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**Connie Uetrecht** - November 23, 2020 at 04:10 PM

DT

“ Sweet memories will stay with me of Mrs. Risbeck- she made me feel so special when she was my teacher at Benton and in years ongoing. May family and friends be comforted.

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**Diane Cunningham Tayon** - November 23, 2020 at 03:21 PM

MS

“ I have know Peggy for years, First as a student at Mark Twain. I wasn't in her class but was in class near her room. Then as I grew up and left Mark Twain I didn't stay in contact with her or my other teachers as much. Later as an adult I started attending Salem Avenue and we reconnected. She had a sharp mind and shared with me many stores of former students of hers who I new as well. Over the years at Salem Avenue and she was such a prayer partner and always willing to talk. She loved her family greatly and was always willing to share about what they were doing and how everything was going. She had our son Justin out to help her several times and was a great supporter of our youth department. I know she's up in heaven smiling down on everyone and talking to friends and family.

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**Missy Sorrell** - November 23, 2020 at 03:12 PM

LF

“ Love, Neva Jo and Family & Johnny & Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Peggy Jo Risbeck.



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**Love, Neva Jo and Family & Johnny & Family** - November 23, 2020 at 02:09 PM

CS

“ I’m sad to hear of Peggy’s passing. I enjoyed the time I spent teaching 4th grade with her. She genuinely cared about her students and their success. She was a supportive colleague and friend. Prayers for comfort and peace to your family.

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**Cathy Smith** - November 22, 2020 at 12:11 PM

ML

“ So sorry to hear of this loss. Mrs. Risbeck was our daughter’s 4th grade teacher at Mark Twain Elementary. She was tough on her but also believed in her; so much so that every time I saw her in the years since she brought up the fact that Christina didn’t make it into Quest and what a travesty that was. Beautiful soul. Prayers for comfort for the family.

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**Melinda & Andy Lamar** - November 21, 2020 at 02:31 PM