



Margaret "Peggy" Fritz Schneider

October 25, 1932 - April 3, 2026

Margaret Fritz Schneider, affectionately known as Peggy, passed away peacefully at her home in Gladwyne, Pennsylvania, on April 3rd, 2026, at the age of 93.

Born on October 25, 1932, in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, Peggy spent her childhood there before moving to Gladwyne following her marriage to Richard G. Schneider in 1958. Together they built a life centered on family, faith, friendship, and service over more than six decades of marriage. Richard preceded her in death in 2021.

Peggy was the daughter of Dr. Herbert H. Fritz and Margaret P. Fritz of Bryn Mawr, and is survived by her beloved sister, Leslie Fritz "Chessie" Moss of Berwyn, Pennsylvania.

Known as "Fritzie" to her classmates, Peggy attended The Baldwin School, following in the footsteps of both her mother and later her daughter. She graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1954, beginning a lifetime of leadership, community involvement, and steadfast support of the institutions she cherished. A devoted supporter of Baldwin, she served the school in numerous capacities over the years, including as a trustee, and remained deeply connected to its mission and community throughout her life.

Peggy is survived by her three children: Margaret Schneider Maclay and her husband, James T. Maclay, of Edgewater, New Jersey; Richard Graham Schneider Jr. and his wife, Corey D. Anden MD., of Eden, Utah; and John Fritz Schneider and his wife, Dr. Hannah G. Schneider, of Corvallis, Oregon. She was a proud and loving grandmother to 7 grandchildren and great-grandmother to 3 great-grandchildren, each of whom brought her immense joy.

To those who knew her, Peggy's greatest gift was making people feel welcomed, supported, and loved. She was a devoted wife, a dedicated mother and grandmother, and a cherished friend to countless people. Her home was always open. Over the years she became a second mother to many, offering encouragement, advice, hospitality, and friendship whenever it was needed. Whether hosting family gatherings, welcoming students and friends, or simply sharing a meal and conversation, Peggy created a sense of belonging wherever she went.

Her faith was the cornerstone of her life. A devoted member of St. Christopher's Church in Gladwyne for more than 60 years, Peggy sang in the choir, served on the Altar Guild, volunteered for Azalea Day, and opened her home for weekly early-morning Bible study gatherings that became a treasured tradition for many participants over several decades.

Service to others was woven throughout every chapter of her life. She volunteered extensively in her children's schools and communities, from organizing carpools and attending countless athletic contests, concerts, and plays to hosting legendary year-end class parties. She was a gracious partner to Dick in his many endeavors, including hosting annual receptions for local students preparing to attend Yale University. One of her most memorable volunteer experiences was organizing hundreds of volunteers for the General Convention of the Episcopal Church when it was held in Philadelphia, a role

she embraced with characteristic enthusiasm and care.

Peggy and Dick enjoyed lifelong friendships through both Merion Golf Club and Merion Cricket Club, where they shared countless meals, celebrations, and memories with friends and staff alike. In retirement, they could often be found enjoying meals together at their favorite clubs, bringing home enough leftovers to keep a well-known backyard fox happily fed for years.

A lifelong lover of dogs, Peggy's affection for animals began in childhood with a beloved dog named Dad, who was rumored to escort her to school each day. That love continued throughout her life and culminated with Layla, who brought her comfort and companionship in her later years.

She also found great happiness in Eagles Mere, Pennsylvania, where she and Dick spent treasured summers surrounded by family, lifelong friends, cousins, grandchildren, and beloved dogs. There she enjoyed the beauty and tranquility of the mountains, the warmth of community, and the simple pleasures that mattered most to her.

Peggy loved the arts, especially theater, and delighted in attending performances in Philadelphia, at the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, and during travels to England. She approached life with curiosity, warmth, humor, and gratitude, enriching the lives of everyone fortunate enough to know her. The family extends heartfelt thanks to the many caregivers, friends, and loved ones who supported Peggy throughout her journey with dementia and provided comfort, companionship, and exceptional care in her final years.

A celebration of Peggy's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on August 1st at St. Christopher's Church in Gladwyne, Pennsylvania.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Christopher's Church.

Peggy's life was defined not by what she accumulated, but by what she gave away—her time, her friendship, her faith, her generosity, and her love. Her legacy lives on in the family she cherished, the friendships she nurtured, and the countless lives she touched.

Upcoming Events

Life Celebration

AUG 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
226 Righters Mill Road
Gladwyne, PA 19035