



Paula (Peggi) Streeter

Life Story

Peggi Streeter was a loving - and fun-loving - woman, who endeared herself to all who knew her. From the children at school, to the many friends she made, to the family she loved most of all, Peggi was a woman you simply loved to be around, who lit up any room she entered. Today her light, and her life, lives on in all who knew her.

Peggi's story began on a cool fall day in 1955, in the bustling city of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Those were turbulent times in this country, as the Cold War caused such great fear and anxiety, and racial tensions mounted across the country. Yet on October 15, 1955, James and Mary Lou (Haydon) Lee found reason to celebrate, with the birth of a beautiful baby girl at Bronson Hospital, a daughter they named Paula.

Paula, or Peggi as she would be called, was the youngest of three children in the family's Paw Paw home, joining older sister Randi and brother Barry. Her father was a hardworking bricklayer, while her mother was studying to become a hairdresser. In fact, when Peggi was in kindergarten, her mom used Peggi for hairstyling practice! Eventually, Peggi would learn her mother's skills, as well. While she learned much from her mother, there was no question she grew up as a "Daddy's Girl!"

Peggi had a wonderful childhood, and always had a way of finding the bright side to things. Once, when she was little, she bumped her mouth on the car seat, losing her front baby tooth. She learned how to spit through the gap where her tooth used to be! Peggi also enjoyed water skiing, swimming, and riding her horse Barney around when she was a girl.

Peggi attended Paw Paw Schools, and graduated from Paw Paw High School in 1973. She was always a very social girl, and had many friends in school.

In 1975, she met a handsome young man named Clyde Streeter, while playing foosball against him at the Kings Tavern in Lawton. She took a liking to Clyde because he was the only guy there that wasn't flirting with her. After she got his attention, the sparks flew between the two, and they quickly began dating. After a two-year courtship, the two were married, on April 28, 1977, at Clyde's parents' home.

It wasn't long before the newlyweds became mother and father, too, with their first child, son Harley (who they named after his great-grandfather), born in 1978. Their daughter, Shenley, rounded out the happy family in 1980.

Peggi adored being a wife and mother, and was a very attentive mother, as well. She enjoyed attending her kids' sporting events growing up, including baseball, football, basketball, track and volleyball, too! She was a sports fan in general, though, and also cheered for the University of Michigan and Michigan State teams, especially

when they played Notre Dame!

The family lived in a lovely home on the east side of Bankson Lake in Lawton, which Peggi loved so much. She loved to go boating, fishing, or simply lying in the sun, tanning herself. She also took pride in making her home a showpiece, from the antiques she collected, to the lovely décor. Peggi had excellent taste, and had a true knack for decorating.

Her house was also home to a menagerie of animals, from dogs, to rabbits, to pigs and horses, all of which Peggi cared for like family. She loved animals dearly, and they loved her, too.

Everybody loved Peggi, though. In 1993, Peggi took a job in the office at Lawton Elementary School, which she loved so much. She enjoyed being around the kids, who all called her "Miss Peggi."

Of course, Peggi loved her family most of all, and took good care of them. Clyde and Harley always came to her to cut their hair, and she always put her family first. She and Clyde shared a wonderful marriage, and loved being together. They enjoyed going dancing, whether it was to soul music, jazz or something funky. One of her favorite things to do was to lie in bed with Clyde and watch TV while they enjoyed a snack. She had a world-class sweet tooth, from Krispy Kreme donuts, to chocolate ice cream, to waffles drenched in syrup!

Peggi had many things she enjoyed in life, the way people who love life always do. She loved to go shopping, especially for clothes and jewelry, or for Christmas presents, always her favorite holiday. She also loved to follow the Hollywood stars, from the glossy magazines to TV shows like Access Hollywood, Extra, Ellen DeGeneres, The View and Regis Philbin. Peggi also loved to play cribbage, or penny-ante poker, too.

Peggi was a smoker, and one of her favorite games was taking people's lighters, and squirreling them away in her purse, along with the dozens of others! If they caught her, she'd just let loose her loud, infectious laugh, affectionately referred to as her "cackle."

That's the way Peggi was, so fun-loving and friendly. She was very sweet and caring, but could also be blunt and opinionated, too, especially if she was defending those she loved. Peggi was also very spiritual, and believed in waiting for "The Rapture," the second coming of Christ.

In 2001, Peggi and her family were dealt a terrible blow, when her daughter Shenley tragically died September 12 while in the Navy. Shenley's death devastated Peggi, yet she had the strength to set up a scholarship fund in her name.

Peggi began developing serious health problems not long afterward, and was waiting for an organ transplant when she sadly died at the University of Michigan Medical Center on Thursday, May 10, 2007, at the age of 51.

Peggi was a wonderful woman, such a loving - and fun-loving - lady. Peggi was the kind of woman who endeared herself to everyone around her, with her laugh, and her love, a love that lives on today in all who knew her. She will be greatly missed.

Learn more about Peggi, view her Life Story Film and visit with her family and friends Thursday from 4:00 - 8:00 PM at the Life Story Funeral Home-Betzler & Thompson 60900 M-40 Paw Paw 657-3870 where a service to celebrate her life will be held Friday 11:00 AM at the same location. Cremation has taken place and burial will follow the service in Chamberlain Cemetery. She was also preceded in death by her sister Randi Simon.

Members of her family include her husband; Clyde, son; Harley (Stevie) Streeter of Lawton, parents; Jim and

Mary Lou Lee of Paw Paw, granddaughter; Charli Madison Streeter, brother; Barry Lee of Maine, and her mother-in-law Celesta (Bobbie) Sziede of Marcellus. Please visit Peggi's memory page at www.lifestorynet.com where you can read her Life Story, share a memory or photo, sign her memory book or make a memorial donation to the Shenley Streeter Memorial Scholarship Fund C/O Fifth Third Bank, Lawton.