



Margaret L. "Peggy" Tiger

February 14, 1943 - February 18, 2017

Margaret Lois "Peggy" Tiger, 74, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away Saturday, February 18, 2017. She was born February 14, 1943 to James and Ella (O'Reilly) Richmond in Muskogee, Oklahoma. She graduated high school and attended Bacone College and Northeastern State University, obtaining her Bachelor's Degree in social work.

Peggy married Jerome Tiger on St. Patrick's Day 1961 and they shared five years of exhilarating life together, until his untimely death on August 13, 1967. Peggy and her cousin, Molly, created the Jerome Tiger Art Company, which brought the genius of her late husband to the rest of the world. They had to pretend they were the secretary and sales woman. They were told by a gallery owner "You girls have some fine art here, but you need to get a big publishing company to take charge of this. You little women are fighting a big battle with a short stick." After ten years of record sales and an award winning, best-selling art book, Peggy wrote that man back a letter saying, "Now we have a big stick."

She was at the helm of the business, Tiger Art Gallery, where she produced one of a kind hand silk screened t-shirts designed by her brother-in-law, Johnny Tiger, Jr. She and her childhood friend, Carolyn, and the family worked together through the 80's, until the death of her beloved son, Chris, in 1990. Peggy worked as a special assistant for the Cherokee Nation under the tenure of Chief Chad Smith. She was pursuing her passion as a Cherokee Historian when a car wreck almost took her life.

Reading was one of Peggy's most beloved hobbies. "Wuthering Heights" was number one of her top 500 booklist. She loved Michael Jordan, the Paris sisters and Secretariat.

Peggy was preceded in death by her mother, Ella O'Reilly Richmond; husband, Jerome Richard Tiger; son, Jerome Christopher Coleman Tiger; granddaughter, Shelleigh (Poor Bear) Black Elk; and brother-in-law, Johnny Tiger, Jr.

She is survived by her daughters, Dana Tiger and husband Donnie Blair of Muskogee, OK, Lisa Lou Ella Tiger of Santa Fe, NM and Fvlncvlke daughter, Veronique Lozano; adopted children, Joseph Morton Tiger, Sean and David Tiger; grandchildren, Hvresse Christie Blair Tiger, Coleman Lisan Tiger Blair, Cornelia Margaret Taladu "Crickett" Dana Tiger, Kayla Thunder Hawk and Michael Black Elk Tiger; great grandchild, Aidan Jerome Molina Tiger; first cousins, Molly O'Reilly Marcus and Connie O'Reilly; and lifelong friend, Carolyn Rhinehart Johnson.

A celebration of Peggy's life will be 10:00 A.M., Thursday, February 23, 2017 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain Tony Hodgson officiating. Interment will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Eufaula, OK. Pallbearers will be Coleman Lisan Tiger Blair, Timmy Doerner, John John Brown, Bradly Peak, Cepon Long and Trapper Charboneau. Honorary pallbearers will be Pat Ragsdale, Don Blair, Wotko Long, Jack Blair, Eddie Chuculate and Kevin Charboneau.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **20**. 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Visitation

FEB **21**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

FEB **22**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel
1830 N. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Service

FEB **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Margaret L. "Peggy" Tiger

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ Today would have been your birthday dear one, you are in my heart forever, my blood sister. I miss you every day.

Carolyn Johnson - February 14, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ I miss you dear blood sister, as you are a part of my heart. Always love, Carolyn

Carolyn Johnson - March 11, 2020 at 12:05 PM

MM

“ Dana, Lisa, and family,

I am so sorry to hear of Peggy's passing. Although, I did not know her very well I do know that she was a terrific lady! When we were getting ready for Jerome's Retrospective you, Lisa, and Peggy were an enormous help! And I know it was a very bad time for your entire family but all of you pitched in to help. And I am proud to say it was the best Respective ever. I do believe Peggy instilled in her kids to keep moving forward. That's what you have done and that's what you all will do. For your MOM, For PEGGY! It was a pleasure to have known her and I know she will be greatly missed.

Regards,

Myrna Moss

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Tulsa, OK 74114
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Myna Moss - March 23, 2017 at 01:14 PM

RS

“ In memory of Mrs. Jerome (Peggy) Tiger. May this portrait your father painted remind you of your mother's love for you. My grandparents purchased this portrait from the museum in the 1960's. They enjoyed it in their home. My mother enjoyed it in her home and now I enjoy it in my home. It is one of the portraits your mother selected for the book she produced. May her memory be eternal.

Thinking of you all in your loss. Sending my prayers to you. Dana, I still remember how cool your black Thunderbird was in high school the way you had it painted. No one else had anything as sharp or nearly as creative.

*Sincerely,
Rob Sandlin*



Rob Sandlin - February 23, 2017 at 09:43 AM



“ So many of my childhood memories include the Tiger family. Lisa was my best friend and I spent a lot of time at her house...Peggy never cared how many kids were there and how often. She took me to get my ears pierced as a birthday present from Lisa in 7th grade. We rode the church bus every Sunday as kids...to Pastor Large's church. Love this family!

Thinking of you on always!

Cheryl Harper (Schaefer)

Cheryl Harper - February 23, 2017 at 09:00 AM

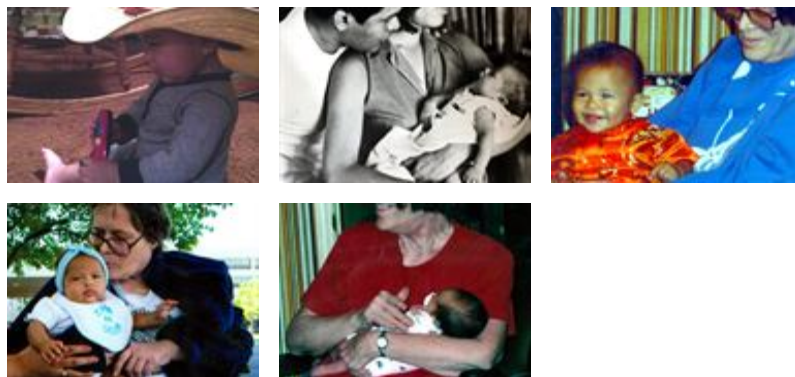
PI

“ Dana, & family, i am sending my deepest condolences for your mother's passing to the other side. I enjoyed visiting with her several times when Wathene and I came to your home. May The spirit be with you and give you strength. I have been in the hospital so I won't be able to be there tomorrow. Love Pam & family.

pamela iron - February 22, 2017 at 09:11 PM



“ 94 files added to the album LifeTributes



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - February 22, 2017 at 11:58 AM

EC

“ This wonderful lady wrote my first-ever letter of recommendation for a sportswriting job at the Muskogee (Okla.) Daily Phoenix. Later that year I found myself with no ride to a basketball game I was assigned to cover in Oktaha, Okla. Upon learning of my predicament, she tossed me a set of car keys and said "take the Mercedes." The red 280-SL convertible made quite an impression at the rural school's gravel parking lot, surrounded by a sea of pickup trucks.

Eddie Del Chuculaye - February 21, 2017 at 09:49 PM

KM

“ Dana, Lisa and family,
I am so very sorry for your loss. You all will be
in my prayers. God bless everyone.



Kimberly McDaniel - February 21, 2017 at 07:37 PM

SS

“ Sioux Smith-Vann lit a candle in memory of
Margaret L. "Peggy" Tiger



Sioux Smith-Vann - February 21, 2017 at 11:39 AM

JM

“ Dana and Lisa
So sorry to hear of the passing of your mother, Peggy .

*I will always cherish our friendship and those crazy times we had
attending Northeastern together. She was a remarkable , free
spirited , extremely intelligent individual .*

Joy Miles

joy miles - February 21, 2017 at 09:07 AM



William Charbon

The most beautiful soul I ever had the opportunity of crossing paths with in this life time, Peggy meant the world to me. And so many others. Caring and compassion just came 2ns nature to this wonderful woman. I'll forever cherish every memory with her. From eating my place bar b cue to going with her to watch Michael Jordan play basketball in Dallas. I love you so much Peggy, RIP

Trapper Charboneau

William Charbonea - February 21, 2017 at 04:28 PM

KD

“ *On her spirit journey. God speed. Peggy brought a lot of joy to many people through her gallery she was a courageous and loving person. Our symphony to the family. K and Sandy Denton.*



k denton - February 21, 2017 at 07:50 AM

NF

“ *Nancy Scott Fields lit a candle in memory of Margaret L. "Peggy" Tiger*



Nancy Scott Fields - February 21, 2017 at 01:02 AM

SH

“ I was taking an English class at Tulsa Community College and writing my final paper. Mrs Tiger offered to look it over and offered her expert critique. I got an A on that final paper and could not have achieved it without her help. She was an incredible inspiration to me in many areas. She loved her family with everything she had. She loved animals as well. Her perseverance to rise above and beyond the many curves that she and her family faced throughout her life should in itself be a testimony of strength for all!!! I will look for her bright star in the evening sky and let her know I am better for having known her.

Shawn - February 20, 2017 at 11:15 PM

JS

*“ Dana and family,
So sorry for your loss. You all are in our prayers.
John Standridge*

John Standridge - February 20, 2017 at 08:57 PM

GN

“ I'm so sorry, My family sends their sincerest condolences.



Gloria Narcomey-Bezell - February 20, 2017 at 07:42 PM

PW

“ So sorry to hear of the death of your mother. May God be with you and all the Tiger family during this sad time! I am sure she is in the arms of our creator! My thoughts will be with you these next few days. Patricia Whigham Alabama Creek

Patricia Whigham - February 20, 2017 at 07:01 PM