



Peggy Epps

1947-2017

Peggy Ann (Mesley) Epps passed away peacefully on February 21, 2017 in Houston, Texas after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. Born September 9, 1947 in Monett, Missouri. Peggy was preceded in death by her parents, Frank J. Mesley and Gladys V. (White) Mesley.

She will be deeply missed by her husband of 50 years, Ronald Epps; a brother Stephen Mesley and his wife Yolanda of San Antonio, Texas; nieces Valerie Mesley and Stephanie Smith of San Antonio, Texas.

Peggy grew up in Mt. Vernon, Missouri, graduating from Mt. Vernon High School. She started nursing school at the Burge School of Nursing in Springfield, Missouri. She finished her nursing degree in 1969 at Herrman Hospital in Houston, Texas. She stayed at Herrman and eventually became the head nurse for Pediatrics. Later she began working as a surgical nurse for Dr. Isador Epstein, a general surgeon at Bayshore Hospital in Pasadena, Texas. Fifteen years later, Dr. Dixie Melillo (co-founder of the Rose Foundation) took over the practice with Peggy spending almost fifteen years helping Dixie in surgery and managing an office that specialized in **breast cancer** treatment. After retiring, Peggy spent two years as a Hospice volunteer, receiving the Hospice Volunteer of the Year from "Vitas" for her dedication to patients.

Peggy never once questioned her decision to become a registered nurse. For 35 plus years, she was always active in giving of herself to help others. Peggy reflected a woman of great intelligence, compassion, and humility. She was a treasure in every way with elegance, style, kindness, and patience. Ron always considered himself to be a lucky man to have Peggy as a lifelong companion as they enjoyed every aspect of a wonderful life together.

As The Parkinson's slowly took its terrible toll on everyday living, she never complained and together she and Ron took life one day at a time. Peggy knew what the future held and was courageous to the end. Peggy is now at peace.

A very special thanks to the staff and especially the caregivers at Autumn Leaves of Clear Lake. Also, a very special thanks for all the great help from the folks at Good Sheppard Hospice Care.

A celebration of life was held at Crowder Funeral Home, Webster, TX with graveside services at Summit Cemetery in Mt. Vernon, Missouri.