

# Margaret 'Peggy' June (Akers) Darling

January 7, 1944 – July 19, 2012

A memorial service for Margaret "Peggy" June (Akers) Darling, 68, will be held at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 26, 2012 at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Wheatland, Wyoming with Reverends Lori Modesitt and Jill Zimmerschied officiating. Inurnment will be at the Wheatland Cemetery in the family plot.

She died on Thursday, July 19, 2012 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland following a valiant year and a half long battle with lung cancer. In that time, Peggy and her husband, Ron, made numerous trips to MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas for treatment.

She was born on January 7, 1944 in Wheatland the daughter of Archer David and Wilma June (Dodge) Akers, the younger of two children. She grew up overseas while her father was stationed in Japan, Germany, and Holland. She remembered playing house amongst the bombed out buildings in Germany. The family moved back to the Wheatland area in 1955. She graduated from Wheatland High School in 1961. She collected life experiences which included adoption of her beautiful daughter, Tara Jo in 1967. She moved back to Wheatland in 1970. She and her husband, Ron Darling were married on April 13, 1974 in Wheatland.

Ron, Peg and Tara Jo moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming where Peggy worked at the Chamber of Commerce, Little America, Cheyenne Attention Home, and Playland Amusement Park. During that time, they started their lifelong mission of supporting children who needed guidance and love. Cindy Bridgewater Irish came into their life at that time to live with them. Many others benefitted from her words of encouragement and wisdom including Erick Mares and Michelle Birkle.

The family moved to Douglas in 1977 where

Peggy owned and operated The Depot Fashions, Hair Styling, and Douglas Travel Brokers. She was also a secretary to the Wyoming Steer Roper's Association. She moved to Wheatland to take care of her aging mother, June, to allow her to stay in her home. They built a house next to June and she cared for her until June died in 2009. She enjoyed being back in her hometown.

Peggy is survived by her husband, Ronald J. Darling, Jr. of Wheatland; daughter, Tara Jo Darling and husband, Sam Freedberg of Denver, Colorado; brother, George Akers (Lucy) of Maricopa, Arizona; niece, Anita Phipps (Ron) of Pearland, Texas; nephew, C.T. Akers (Kendra) of Wright, Wyoming. Andrew and Sarah Phipps, John Akers, Corinne and Libby Vaughan all treasured their relationship with "Auntie Butterfly". Special cousins include CeeAnn Vaughan (Ed) of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Jean Short, Nedalyn Testolin, Tyler Dodge and David Dodge all of Wheatland; Tom Phifer of Gilbert, Arizona; Wood, Brook, Sky and Star Phifer and their families.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Archer David Akers in 1986 and Wilma June (Dodge) Akers in 2009.

Named as honorary pallbearers will be Erick Mares, Cam Huston, Dick Lockman, Don Birkle, Ralph Darling, Jay Darling, Wyoming Steer Ropers and all her many friends and family.

A memorial to the All Saints' Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 997, Wheatland, Wyoming 82201-0997 would be appreciated by the family.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Gorman Funeral Home.

Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [gormanfh.com](http://gormanfh.com).