



Margaret "Peggy Jane" Scaggs died from a stroke, Thursday, March 24, 2005, at North Suburban Hospital, Thornton. She was 78.

She was born March 31, 1926, in Kansas City, Missouri, to Rene Fankhauser Smith, a residential & commercial builder of Kansas City, and Gladys (Bowman) Smith, a native of Dundee, Scotland.

Peggy was the Valedictorian of the Class of 1944, at Merriam High School, in Shawnee Mission, Kansas. She was president of the Debate Club, member of National Honor Society, the Girl Reserves, editor of the Mission in 1944 and alumni editor of the Indian.

She attended the University of Mexico, in Mexico City the summer of 1944 as a foreign exchange student. Peggy entered the School of Engineering at the University of Colorado at Boulder to earn a degree in Architecture in 1944.

Peggy Jane met in an architecture class Arthur Scaggs, Jr. and they married in 1946. Art built their first house in 1951 in Westminster on Bradburn Blvd, which Peggy designed. They divorced in 1963 in Denver. Peggy returned to college graduating from the University of Colorado with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology in 1966. Peggy also attended Metro State College where she took Criminology classes in order to become a probation officer.

She worked as a probation officer for the Tri-District Probation Department in North Denver and the Adams County Probation Department in Brighton for 33 years in the adult division. In 1960 she received commendations from Chief Probation Officer, Carl Jacobson, for her involvement in organizing the 90th American Congress of Corrections Denver meeting.

The Brighton Jaycees honored Peggy on December 20, 1972 as an "*Outstanding Brightonian*" for her service on the Adams County Improvement Association Board as the representative of the Tri-District Probation department from 1968-1972. She actively served on the committees of Personnel, Finance, Executive, and Public Relations.

She lived in Westminster from 1951 to 1976, and Broomfield from 1977 to 2005. Active in the community, Peggy was a member of the Westminster League of Women Voters in 1956 and Secretary for the Westminster Planning Commission evening sessions in the late 1960s.

Peggy loved to swim, having learned to swim in the open waters of Lake Michigan as a child. She enjoyed skiing and visiting the hot pools of Glenwood Springs. Reading mystery novels and studying ancient Indian civilizations were Peggy's hobbies. She traveled to many Indian ruins in the southwest and Mayan ruins in Mexico.

She is survived by three daughters, Jackie Scaggs and Vicki Skaggs of Broomfield; Barbara and husband Mike Lewellen of Longmont; grandchildren Garrett Lewellen of Boulder, and Ryan Lewellen of Longmont; and aunt Mrs. Frances Sweet, 91, of Fallon, Nevada.

Memorial services will be held, Saturday, April 9, at 2 p.m., at the United Church of Broomfield, 825 Kohl Street, Broomfield, Colorado. Her cremated remains will be buried at sea this summer.