

bought a second car, that was the first time either had ever lived in a house with more than one bathroom or in a family with more than one car. Peggy had felt some homesickness when first moving from Tennessee, but by the 70's John and Peggy realized they had more friends here than in Tennessee and their household consisted of two Tennesseans and four Virginians. They discovered this was where their roots were. Peggy and John moved to McLean in 1979 and each retired from their profession in 2003. This began a period of travel and being with grandkids and trying new things. Unfortunately, in October 2006 Peggy received her diagnosis of breast cancer, which eventually went to the brain. During her illness three grandkids were born and one more became due, which gave her a feeling of deep satisfaction of knowing her presence would continue to be felt through future generations. She fought courageously for 45 months and passed away peacefully with John at her side and many others of the family there.



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A Service of Celebration of the Life of

Peggy French Sadler

July 11, 2010

2 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church
 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd.
 McLean, VA 22101

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June 1, 1941—June 20, 2010

Prelude	<i>Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring</i> Jerry Rich, organ	Bach
Gathering		Gretchen A. Miller
Words of Grace		Kathleene B. Card
Duet	<i>The Prayer</i> Sarah Robinson, alto; Keith Hudspeth, tenor	Sager and Foster
Prayer		James C. Sprouse
Hebrew Bible Reading		Card
Solo	<i>You Are Loved</i> Keith Hudspeth, tenor	Salter
Gospel Reading		Miller
Reflections		Jeff Sadler Card Sprouse
Hymn: UMH 707	<i>Hymn of Promise</i>	
Dismissal with Blessing		Sprouse
Postlude	<i>Be Thou With Me</i> Jerry Rich	attrib. Bach
Inurnment		

Contributions made to Trinity's Memorial Fund in Peggy's name will be appreciated.

The family invites you to a reception in the Fellowship Lobby following this service.

Peggy French Sadler was born June 1, 1941, in Loudon, Tennessee to Jimmy and Mildred French into a three-generation household. Jimmy farmed his mother's farm and Mildred worked outside the home. In 1951 Jimmy and Mildred bought their own farm near Sweetwater, Tennessee. By then Peggy was helping with the farm work and also with caring for her four younger siblings. She was like a second mom to the two youngest, Brenda and Jimmy, and also provided oversight for Carol and Betty Ann, who were only a little younger than her. The family needed her help, which she gladly gave. Her siblings appreciated it then and still do. This experience provided Peggy with skills and an outlook that served her well throughout her life and led to her decision to become a registered nurse. After graduating from Sweetwater High School in 1959 she entered Midstate Baptist Hospital School of Nursing in Nashville, which partnered with Belmont College for academics. Peggy was the first of her family to go to college. Her program completed what would normally take four years by going to school almost continuously for 36 months, the last year of which was spent working 40 hr/week nursing shifts which made very low tuition possible. Peggy graduated in August 1962.

During the summer of 1957 Peggy met John Sadler. John's best friend Steve Bebb was dating Peggy's sister Carol. Steve suggested John get to know Peggy so the four could double-date, which happened, and this ended up leading to a 53-year relationship for John and Peggy (five years of dating and 48 years of marriage, as well as four kids and nine grandkids.) Neither Peggy nor John could have known how significant that first date would turn out to be.

Peggy married John on September 1, 1962. John had graduated from Vanderbilt in June 1962 and was already on duty in Washington as a newly commissioned Ensign in the US Navy. The Navy did not provide base housing for young officers in D.C., so Peggy and John lived modestly. Peggy immediately went to work as an RN, but when Jennifer came along in 1966 she decided being a mom at home took priority and continued on that path for about 15 years until the youngest child Matt was in kindergarten. Peggy never regretted that, even though living inside the beltway on one salary required some careful budgeting. Neither Peggy nor John felt deprived by any of this because when they moved from their first house (a small, one-bathroom "colonial" in Arlington) to a three-bedroom rambler in 1972 and