



## Peggy Combs Matarazzo

June 6, 1930 - October 2, 2016

Mrs. Peggy Matarazzo of Forrest City, Arkansas, died Sunday, October 2, 2016 in Memphis, Tennessee.

Peggy was born on June 6, 1930 in Hillman, Arkansas, to Joe and Rosa Bounds Combs. She worked for the Forrest City School District. Peggy was a member of the Forrest City Baptist Church, and the V.F.W.

Survivors are her husband, Ralph Matarazzo of Forrest City, Arkansas, sons, Keith Luker and wife Debbie of Elgin, Illinois, Evan Clegg of Little Rock, Arkansas, daughter, Tina McGhee of Forrest City, Arkansas, daughter-in-law, Jean Luker of Wesley Chapel, Florida, brother, Harold "Sonny" Combs of Illinois, Jean McClain and husband John of Las Vegas, Nevada, Rhonda Cummings of Cherry Valley, Arkansas, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Rosa Combs, son, Gary Luker, brother, Douglas Combs.

Visitation will be Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at Kernodle Funeral Home from 6 to 8 PM. Funeral services will be Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 1 PM at Kernodle Funeral Home with burial in Whitehall Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kernodle Funeral Home  
315-325 E. Union Avenue  
Wynne, AR 72396  
(870) 238-2323  
kernodlefuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.kernodlefh.com/>

## Funeral service

OCT 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

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## Graveside service

OCT 5 (CT)

Whitehall Cemetery

# Tribute Wall



“ *Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket was purchased for the family of Peggy Combs Matarazzo.*



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October 06, 2016 at 08:52 AM



“ *Ralph and Peggy were best friends with my dad and mom (Louis and Clemie Phillips). They all shared a love for Farkle and Veterans. They used to play farkle every weekend, until dads deminisa got to bad. They celebrated Veterans Day remembering how important the Veterans were to our freedom. Peggy was a trooper even with her difficulty seeing she was always ready for the farkle challenge. She is visiting with dad and mom in heaven now. She will be missed here on earth but she is celebrating perfect sight with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

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**Brenda Phillips White** - October 04, 2016 at 09:29 PM

“Peggy and I were different in many ways. Peggy was from the South and I was from the North; Peggy was Baptist and I am Catholic; Peggy was a Democrat and I'm a Republican, but the one thing we had in common was we both loved her son, Gary. Living in New York and Mom in Arkansas did not give us much time to bond, however, when Gary and I moved to Florida to be with our sons and their families, Peggy and Ralph decided to also move to Florida to be closer to us. She never made the move to New York because she couldn't take the cold. It was then, after all those years, that I finally got to know my Mother-In-Law, as well as, my children knowing their grandmother. However, life being the way life is, our beloved Gary died two years later. I feel that without that move Mom wouldn't have had those precious moments with her son and his family.

Mom loved to read those Hollywood gossip magazines and it was fun watching Gary tease her about them. Politics was another entertaining memory since Mom was a Democrat and Gary and I Republicans, however, I think Mom switched before she died so that she wouldn't have to argue with him in Heaven. Besides we all know God is Republican. Of course, there were many card games and boy, do the Combs know how to play cards.

One memory that stands out during one of her visits to New York was when Princess Diana and Prince Charles got married. Peggy, my Mom, and I got up at 5 am to watch the wedding. It was exhausting, but lots of fun. Gary would have no part of it. I guess it's a woman's thing.

My special memory, however, was the Combs family reunion in Branson, Missouri. We had a great time. We were grateful not knowing that two months later our beloved Gary would leave us to be with the Lord, and the following year, our dear Kelly.

My family up North met Peggy only a couple of times, but it was enough for them to grow fond of her. When I informed my family of

*her passing I received many phones calls all stating the same thing, "She was a nice lady" and "I really liked her." They are all happy she is reunited with her son.*

*Thank you Mom for your love and friendship; thank you for your son, Gary; and thank you for Keith, the brother I never had. God put us together for a reason. I don't question God because He knows what He is doing. I just trust in Him that we will all be together again in Paradise. So until then Mom, "Rest in the arms of Jesus!"*

*Love you more,  
Jean*

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**Jean Luker** - October 03, 2016 at 07:06 PM

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“ *Shirley Williams Thorn lit a candle in memory of Peggy Combs Matarazzo*



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**Shirley Williams Thorn** - October 03, 2016 at 07:03 PM

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“ *Mrs. peggy you were one of the best friends, I've ever had. I don't think there was anything you couldn't do, your cakes were wonderful ,you sang and you were always dressed so beautiful. god bless you Brother Ralph and keep you in the palm of His Hand. Our Christian Love and prayers are with you .Jo McKenen and granddaughters Rachel and Ally*

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**Jo McKenen** - October 03, 2016 at 09:44 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy Combs Matarazzo.*



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October 03, 2016 at 09:20 AM



“ *Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Peggy Combs Matarazzo.*



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October 03, 2016 at 09:16 AM



“ *Love you more, Jean and Gary from Heaven purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Peggy Combs Matarazzo.*



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**Love you more, Jean and Gary from Heaven - October 02, 2016 at 07:14 PM**