PEGGY J RHEAULT
b. **07-Jul-1938**,   d. **22-Nov-2019 in Seal Rock, OR**

(As written by Bob Fitzgerald with input & assistance from Peggy's daughter, Julie.)

Peggy J. Rheault was born in Alexandria, Virginia on July 7, 1938 to **Audrey & Raymond Beavers**. After high-school, Peggy became an administrative assistant working at the US Air Force's **1035th Field Activities Group/AFTAC** Headquarters just south of Alexandria. It was while working at **AFTAC** HQ that Peggy met, and on Dec 28, 1963 married **Charles R. "Ray" Rheault** who was an Admin Personnel Clerk at AFTAC HQ on active duty with the USAF. Peggy and her young daughter **Debbie** went with Ray after he applied for and was accepted by AFTAC to become a **99125L - Special Weapons Technician** and sent to Lowry AFB, CO in 1965 for training. After 9 months in Colorado, they were transferred to the **1155th Technical Operations Squadron** at McClellan AFB, CA where Ray worked in the **McClellan Central Laboratory** *(MCL)* as a bench chemist. In April of 1967 Ray, Peggy, daughter Debbie & infant daughter **Julie** were transferred to Eielson AFB, Fairbanks, AK. Peggy & Ray were outgoing active people who made many long-lasting friends at Eielson, and again when they returned to the 1155th TechOpsSq in October 1969 where Ray became the NCOIC of the Chem Lab.

Peggy was Ray's main supporter, bookkeeper and helper when he became a self-employed cabinet maker after retirement in 1978. Peggy never remarried after Ray's death in 1994 but was very active with the Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Carmichael, CA and as a volunteer with Domestic Abuse Intervention & Elderly Rights organizations in Sacramento. Peggy helped with registrations at a number of the **AFTAC Alumni Association Worldwide Reunions** held by the 1155th TechOpsSq in Sacramento and was an active volunteer and supporter of the **Country Club Aires** <http://www.CountryClubAires.org> Men's Chorus & Band performances, and the **California Old Time Fiddlers District Five** <http://www.csotfa5.org/5> monthly jam sessions & other western music jam sessions. Peggy loved music, especially western and all of Elvis Presley's 1950's style soft rock & roll music to which she loved to dance. She had a very kind and caring heart for everyone in need, including animals. No one was a stranger to Peggy.

Peggy leaves behind her loving and devoted daughters **Debbie Rheault** of Seal Rock, Oregon & **Julie Burke** (Mike) of Auburn, California and her grandchildren Joseph & Curtis Cissney and Lisa Meadows *(Debbie)* and Tori Oldham *(Julie)*, plus 9 great-grandchildren. Peggy was predeceased by her father, Ray Beavers; brother, Robert Beavers; husband Charles 'Ray' Rheault; and mother, Audrey Beavers. A memorial celebration will be planned in the near future in the Sacramento area where most of Peggy's friends still reside. *Note: Possibly near the end of April 2020, but details were still pending at the time this was published.*

On a personal note: **Peggy & Ray** were our dear friends since the early 1960's. I first met **Ray** and then **Peggy** when I was a cryptographer in a communications detachment assigned to AFTAC HQ in Alexandria, *(1960-64)*, after which I was accepted for training as a 99125L and subsequently sent to the 1155th TechOpsSq (MCL) in April 1964. When Ray and I were voluntarily transferred together with our families to Eielson AFB in April 1967 I helped carry baby **Julie** in my arms on our flight from Seattle to Fairbanks, Alaska. I was Julie's proxy Godfather at her Christening at Eielson AFB. Peggy & Ray were our daughter's Godparents at her Christening after she was born in 1975. My dear wife **Darlene** and I have lost a very dear friend in Peggy's passing and, although her physical presence will be dearly missed, she will still be with us in spirit and memories. May she rest together with Ray in God's peace.

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