

Margaret Rose "Maggie" Coneen

BREWSTER — Margaret Rose "Maggie" Coneen, 85, died peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, at the McCarthy Hospice Care Center in Sandwich on Monday, May 24, 2010, from complications of heart disease.

She was born in New York, N.Y., on May 18, 1925, to Louis and Margaret Ragati, and was predeceased by her husband of 59 years, John "Jack" Coneen, in October 2008.

Maggie graduated from Cliffside Park High School in New Jersey in 1942 and soon began a rewarding career as a dance instructor at the Swift Sisters Dance Studio in Cliffside Park. Dance was a lifelong pursuit which she continued even into her late 70s.

It was during her time teaching dance that she met her future husband. They were married at Epiphany Roman Catholic Church on Aug. 13, 1949, upon his return from serving in World War II. In 1955 they moved to Hillsdale, N.J., and together raised six children before moving to Brewster in 1986.

Her strong Catholic faith was a fundamental part of her entire life. She was an active communicant at St. John the Baptist Church in Hillsdale for 31 years, and Our Lady of the Cape in Brewster for 24 years.

In addition to her activities at church, she was a hospice volunteer for many years, and enjoyed her time as a member of a quilting club. Maggie had many close and enduring friendships which she cherished to the end.

Maggie was predeceased by her daughter Jane in 1996; son-in-law Kevin Kirk in 2008; and a brother, Albert in 2009.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters: Peter and his wife Linda of South Orleans, Quentin and his wife Nancy of Goshen, N.Y., Grady Scholl and her husband DJ of Eastham, Matthew and his wife Josephine of Washingtonville, N.Y., and Katie Kirk of Washington Township, N.J.; 17 grandchildren: Aaron Coneen, Lyndsay and her husband Kevin Brischoux, Meghan, Matthew, Kaitrin, Graham and Sam Coneen, Norah and Ethan Scholl, Justin and Matthew "Matteo" Coneen, and Garrett, Brandon, Ellie, Morgan, Addison and Kevin Kirk; a great-grandchild, Matthew Brischoux; and nieces, nephews and their families.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 30, at Our Lady of the Cape in Brewster, followed by interment at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne. Friends are invited to join the family at Mezza Luna Restaurant on Main Street, Buzzards Bay, after the interment.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Maggie's name to Hospice and Palliative Care of Cape Cod, 765 Attucks Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601; or [www.hospicecapecod.org](http://www.hospicecapecod.org).

