



Megan Walters Rafferty

July 3, 1986 - September 8, 2019

Megan Walters Rafferty, 33, of Summerville, passed away on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at Trident Medical Center.

Family and friends are invited to attend her visitation on Thursday, September 12, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm at James A. Dyal Funeral Home. A prayer service will begin at 7:30 pm led by Rev. Dr. Marlene Walters.

A gathering of family and friends will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 10 o'clock at St. Anastasia Catholic Church, 3301 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA 19073. A Funeral mass will begin at 11 o'clock. Rite of Committal with Final Commendation will follow at Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, 1600 Sproul Rd., Springfield, PA 19064.

Megan was born on July 3, 1986 in Chester, PA, daughter of Vincent J., Jr. and Rebecca Walters Rafferty of Fairfax Station, VA. She received her Bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA and then went on to receive her Master's degree from Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. She played lacrosse at William and Mary and was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. Megan was a guidance counselor in Vienna, Austria; taught school in Guatemala City, Guatemala; and most recently was a counselor at Ashley Ridge High School as well as the assistant coach of their track team. She was a passionate triathlete.

Survivors in addition to her parents are: her sister: Patricia Lynn Rafferty (Daryl Wilkinson) of Falls Church, VA; grandparents: Tom and Marlene Walters of St. Simons Island, GA and Elizabeth Ann Rafferty of West Chester, PA; aunts and uncles: Debbie Chikadel (Joe), Carrie Sharp (Bill), James Rafferty (Karen), Joseph Rafferty (Beth), Paul Rafferty (Mary), Robert Rafferty (Melissa), Nellie Ann Rafferty, Elizabeth Ann Rafferty, Michael Rafferty (Maura), and Patricia Gresham (Andy); great aunt: Theresa Hanlon; and many cousins. She was predeceased by her grandfather: Vincent J. Rafferty, Sr.

Flowers will be accepted.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **12.** 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
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<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

Prayer Service

SEP **12.** 7:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Megan Walters Rafferty



James A Dyal Funeral Home - September 10, 2019 at 02:35 PM

SM

Deepest sympathy to the family.

Shirley Mclamb - September 10, 2019 at 07:16 PM

DM

So sad too close to home I don't live far from 78 I'm so sad for your loss my deepest sympathy for your family God be with you give you peace and comfort right now and this time of your loss people need to slow down people need to be more careful I'm sorry but I must say there is entirely too many speeders and it's getting worse too many hit-and-runs people slow down out there be more careful driving because it could be one of your loved ones but my heart goes out to this family put your loving arms around these people did they may be strong and feel your comfort and be there for every tear they share together

Donna milligan - September 11, 2019 at 12:13 AM



“ *Megan Walters Rafferty*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM

LC

“ This lovely lady was a blessing for Ashley Ridge! Without Ms Jenkins My Daughter might not have graduated this past year. My daughter had challenges with one particular Math teacher. And ma Jenkins listened to my Daughter and talked with this teacher about her concerns. She followed up till the very end near graduation!!! And she passed the class! Am Jenkins was always there for her students and parents and wanted the best for them ! Ms Jenkins you will be truly missed you will be forever in my families hearts and prayers. Bailee and Lana Coppernoll ❤️



lana coppernoll - September 12, 2019 at 07:05 PM

FT

“ From Cody T Tomon purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.



From Cody T Tomon - September 12, 2019 at 11:10 AM

PB

“ Please accept my deepest and heartfelt condolences during this time of sorrow. Meg was always full of energy, enthusiasm and passion as a student and athlete at Edison High School. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Pat Bass

Pat Bass - September 12, 2019 at 11:09 AM

MD

I'm sending love, light, and prayers to all of you during this time of sorrow. Megan was a beautiful person with an infectious smile. We were neighbors, and we'd always speak when she and her beautiful pup would run around the neighborhood. If there is anything you need or I can do, please let me know. I am at 805 Hemingway Circle. I pray God's continued blessings on each one of you.

*Peace & Blessings,
Monique Douglas*

Monique Douglas - September 12, 2019 at 04:32 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.*



September 12, 2019 at 10:32 AM

JY

“ *Thank you Ms. Megan. I hope you are in a place that you would "Rather Be" in. 100% of my grammar was taught by you, so I will nail that perfect writing score on the SAT. I can still remember your reflective classes, vocab quizzes, jaw breakers, etc. I am just so thankful to God that I did not erase your classroom. I will always go back to it to remember the memories with you. Thank you for being so kind and friendly to everyone. You will be remembered...*

Jun Young - September 11, 2019 at 09:56 PM

JY

*Grammar**

Jun Young - September 11, 2019 at 09:57 PM

CH

“ Miss Megan was probably one of my favorite teachers. I loved going to her class because she made it fun. I remember her giving us delicious baked treats, and handing out fun scented stickers for class. Thank you for being an amazing teacher and always being there for me.
My deepest condolences to Miss Megan's family.

Chan-Mi - September 11, 2019 at 09:39 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.



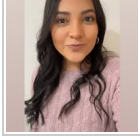
September 11, 2019 at 06:55 PM

TA

“ The Fredericksburg Area Official's Association purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.



The Fredericksburg Area Official's Association - September 11, 2019 at 06:45 PM



“ I'm so thankful I got the privilege to work with her here in Guatemala. She was so full of energy and happiness all the time. She cared for everyone in the school. She always had a big smile on her face and something nice to say to anyone who would cross her path. She believed in our students and us, too. She will be missed by some many. Thanks for changing my life, Megan! May your soul rest in peace.



Gizeh Garcia - September 11, 2019 at 05:18 PM



“ It was such a privilege and honor to work with Megan in Guatemala. She was wise beyond her years, professional, innovative, and so pleasant to everyone she worked with (student or faculty). My sincere condolences to her family. She will missed and long remembered by many.

Lowell Hendrix

Lowell Hendrix - September 11, 2019 at 04:16 PM



“ Megan thank you for making one of the biggest step in my sons life happen. I didn't know you well but you had a big heart and loved your school kids. Prayers and love to the family.

Cynthia - September 11, 2019 at 03:24 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.*



September 11, 2019 at 01:23 PM



“ *From your friends at The Fairfax, Fort Belvoir purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.*



From your friends at The Fairfax, Fort Belvoir - September 11, 2019 at 12:54 PM



“ *To Megan's family
Megan and I worked on a couple of projects together while she worked at Equity in Guatemala. She was so easy to work with because she was so confident, caring and kind, an excellent professional.*

*My deepest sympathy to you, please know that she was much appreciated and that she left many great memories in our hearts.
May she rest in peace.*

Patricia de Galindo - September 11, 2019 at 12:24 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.*



September 11, 2019 at 12:23 PM



“ *Megan. Words can't begin to show how much your time here at our school really made a change. If I can be half as caring and compassionate as you were, I will consider this an amazing accomplishment. Your presence has been missed since you went back to the U.S., but your influence has not wavered since you left. Humanity has lost an amazing soul. - Steven White, Guatemala*

Steven White - September 11, 2019 at 11:39 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.*



September 11, 2019 at 10:39 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.*



September 11, 2019 at 08:38 AM

DM

“ Daniela Mahoney purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.



Daniela Mahoney - September 10, 2019 at 10:08 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.



September 10, 2019 at 09:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.



September 10, 2019 at 07:45 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.



September 10, 2019 at 07:25 PM

JS

“ *John Jenkins & Nancy Stiles purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.*



John Jenkins & Nancy Stiles - September 10, 2019 at 05:41 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.*



September 10, 2019 at 03:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.*



September 10, 2019 at 03:23 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.*



September 10, 2019 at 03:22 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.*



September 10, 2019 at 03:20 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.*



September 10, 2019 at 02:58 PM



“ *Sending condolences and prayers for your family during this sorrowful time. With love, Dana and Rachel Chard and family.*

Dana Chard - September 10, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ *Faye & Fred Chitty purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.*



Faye & Fred Chitty - September 10, 2019 at 12:24 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.



September 10, 2019 at 12:16 PM



“ Blessings, The Walters family purchased the Divine Light for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.



Blessings, The Walters family - September 10, 2019 at 12:09 PM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.



September 10, 2019 at 11:50 AM



“ My prayers our with the school, the school counselors, the students and especially Megan's family. I will continue to keep each and everyone in my prayers.

*Terri Franklin
School Counselor
Dutch Fork High School*

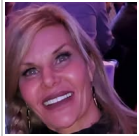
Terri Franklin - September 10, 2019 at 10:51 AM

AP

“ Our family is praying for your family. Our daughter at ARHS will miss her greatly. Hard to believe she is gone. May God lead you all forward with Grace.



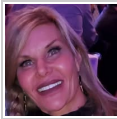
A Parent - September 10, 2019 at 10:21 AM



“ Anne Grabmayer sent a virtual gift in memory of Megan Walters Rafferty



Anne Grabmayer - September 10, 2019 at 10:20 AM



Becky, But and Party. My deepest heartfelt condolences to you. I will keep Meg and all your family in my prayers. God Bless all of you. I miss you Becky

Anne Grabmayer - September 10, 2019 at 10:22 AM

BS

“ July the third was
A most blessed day
The sun smiled on earth
A terrestrial ray
Megan was born from
The touch of God's Grace
To Becky and Bud
Who now had a place
To focus their joys
And concentrate love
For they had a gift
From our Lord above
Megan lived her life
To fullest intent
Thinking of others
Was how time was spent
She counselled many
And touched many more
To all those who asked
She opened her door
That portal of life
That infectious smile
Will darken for us
As we miss this child
sympathies standard
are too hard to heed
we search for comfort
we are in such need
when life is taken
at such a young age
it's too difficult
to just turn the page
I know that Meg is
with her Savior now
I selfishly cry
and just wonder how

*to understand loss
to understand fate
to soon say goodbye
I want to scream, "wait!"
dear Megan as you
meet Jesus we pray
that memories will
sustain us each day
may your soul be now
forever at rest
in God's loving arms
eternally blessed
Love, Aunt Carrie and Uncle Bill*

Bill Sharp - September 10, 2019 at 08:35 AM

MV

“ I had the privilege of working alongside Meg with the Early College Program at Ashley Ridge. She could command a room with her presence as her personality and enthusiasm were larger than life. Her passion for wanting to help people was one to be idolized. She embodied what it meant to be the whole package. She gave of her time selflessly and everything she did was over the top and to perfection. Her unwavering desire to see the good in the world and her commitment to making a difference, was contagious. Meg was a firm believer in making the most of every second of every day. Her most valuable lesson to the students was, “in order to achieve one has to believe.”

*I will forever be grateful having walked a short while with this angel
God has now called home.*

Prayers to the family that they will find peace.

- Marygrace Verdi (Stout)

Marygrace Verdi - September 10, 2019 at 08:21 AM

EP

“ Mrs. Jenkins was by far the most considerate and loving guidance counselor I ever had. Even after she was no longer my designated guidance counselor, she continued to help me with advice and guidance for 3 years. She always went out of her way to help the students of AR. It pains everyone at Ashley Ridge to hear of the passing of such a beautiful and wonderful woman. Thank you for helping us grow into the young adults we are today and never giving up on us. You will be missed by so many❤️

Elle Parent - September 09, 2019 at 11:25 PM

AJ

“ Written by one of her students...my son.

Ms. Jenkins, a woman filled with so much love and energy that her smile lit up a room, a man who could motivate a group of men. I high school kids to get their college degrees. A woman who cried with joy when she first saw me when I came out.

the hospital because she was just happy to see me alive; a woman who was dedicated to the often thankless job of being a great counselor, and is one of my inspirations to

Amanda Johnson - September 09, 2019 at 10:30 PM



“ I knew Megan briefly at the ymca but her smile and positive spirit was bright and cheerful from the moment she set foot in the door. I'm so very sorry.

Liz Arthur Graham - September 09, 2019 at 10:24 PM

FF

“ From the Metro FHA, Inc. Family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.



From the Metro FHA, Inc. Family - September 09, 2019 at 09:40 PM

RJ

“ I have only know Meg over the past 3 years as we began working at Ashley Ridge together. She was an exceptional guidance counselor as well as a dedicated team member. She was passionate about her work as a counselor, fitness, and our school as a whole. I am heartbroken over her passing. She was a wonderful person who has left us way too soon. My deepest sympathy to all of her family and loved ones.

Ramona Jasso - September 09, 2019 at 09:32 PM

JB

“ Megan was a beautiful soul with a beautiful smile. She really cared about the students at Ashley Ridge. My son was lucky enough to have her as his guidance counselor last year. We are all truly saddened to hear the news of her passing. Many thoughts and prayers to all of her family and friends.

Jennifer Bendetti - September 09, 2019 at 09:29 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.



September 09, 2019 at 09:21 PM

JP

“ I am so sorry to hear about Megan's passing. I had the honor of working with her for a short time at the YMCA. Prayers go out to the family in this difficult time.

Jan Parsons - September 09, 2019 at 09:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.



September 09, 2019 at 08:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.



September 09, 2019 at 08:45 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.



September 09, 2019 at 08:42 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.



September 09, 2019 at 08:34 PM

MG

“ *Megan, Mary, Elise and Gabi purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.*



Megan, Mary, Elise and Gabi - September 09, 2019 at 08:19 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.*



September 09, 2019 at 08:18 PM

CA

“ *Our hearts are aching for all of you and we can't imagine the pain you are going through. Please know our prayers, hugs and thoughts are with you. What a beautiful and accomplished young lady she became. I know you were so very proud of her. With love, Carole and Dick Turner and the entire Chard family.*

Carole Turner (great Aunt) - September 09, 2019 at 08:06 PM



“ *Stunned. Speechless. Cannot be. My entire family is in grief.*

Theana Kastens

Theana Kastens - September 09, 2019 at 07:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.*



September 09, 2019 at 07:43 PM



“ *Carole (Chard) and Dick Turner. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.*



Carole (Chard) and Dick Turner. - September 09, 2019 at 07:41 PM



“ *Meg was one of the most kind hearted people I've ever met. Heaven has a new angel now.*

maria - September 09, 2019 at 07:41 PM



“ *Megan was my son's counselor at ARHS. We met with her a few times a year for 2 years. She was so very sweet and helped so much in helping my son choose the right college. She will be missed by the entire community. Rip Megan.*

Robin Neily - September 09, 2019 at 07:38 PM



“ *Megan was my daughter's counselor at ARHS, and I met with her several times during the last two years. I am so grateful for all of her guidance, compassion and patience (both with my child AND me). I am heartbroken at the news of her passing.*
Ashley Witherspoon and The Witherspoon Family

Ashley Witherspoon - September 09, 2019 at 07:17 PM



“ *I had the great pleasure of working with Meg at Ashley Ridge. She was fully committed to her students and always worked tirelessly to make a difference in their lives. She had a wonderfully positive disposition, a quick wit, and will be missed by all who were blessed to have known her.*

Mary Kassinger - September 09, 2019 at 07:01 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.*



September 09, 2019 at 06:49 PM



“ *Meg and I started at AR the same year, and I quickly grew to appreciate her support and encouraging words that she not only gave to her students, but to her coworkers as well. I know that I grew to be a better person because of her.*

Kate Darnell - September 09, 2019 at 06:47 PM

MB

“ Meg loved the word *spectacular*. And it is the best word I can think of that describes her passion for helping others. She deferred to others and was humble in ways that were a complete contrast to the powerhouse of humanity and compassion that she embodied. Although I wish she were still with us, we are all better for knowing her in any capacity. I kept all of her emails of encouragement that she sent...encouragement for being a better teacher, colleague, mentor, and friend. She always took the time to show others how much change they were making in the world. I wish I had the chance to tell her that the change she saw in others started with the change she fostered in them. She was more than just her job, but through her job, she was able to help others be better humans. I cannot express enough gratitude for how she helped me both personally and professionally. And I want to thank her on behalf of myself and many of my students for changing their lives for the better. Meg will always be *spectacular*.

Manning Blakely - September 09, 2019 at 06:39 PM

SR

“ Megan was an amazing person who never failed to put others before herself. The countless times she's lifted staff, teachers and students will never be forgotten. I'll never forget her approaching me during the last two weeks of school and telling me how much I'd be missed at AR and expressing how much students loved me. She'll never understand how much that meant to me or how often I've carried her words with me. She never hesitated to give you that pat on the back and encourage you. I felt honored to have her acknowledge me in that way because from my perspective.....I was in the presence of greatness. May her light shine through her work, her legacy and the lives she touched. I'll eternally be grateful for having known such an impactful human being.

Sharmaine Roaden - September 09, 2019 at 06:23 PM

CS

“ I was a student at Ashley Ridge and first met her my 10th grade year. I struggled with really bad anxiety and depression throughout high school and she was someone I could go and talk to. She helped me through some really hard times. She was such a kind person and will be missed.

Carly S - September 09, 2019 at 06:23 PM



“ Meg helped me through my first year of teaching with such great wisdom and advice. I could tell she loved and cared for the students so much, through her actions and words. Her positiveness always brought a smile, even on tough days. She was and is loved and appreciated.



Stephanie Eldridge - September 09, 2019 at 06:03 PM

LR

“ I was a soul blessed by Meg. I worked very closely with her at Ashley Ridge. Her bright smile, sparkling eyes, compassionate optimism, and amazing work ethic were nothing short of inspiring. She touched so many lives in such a brief life. She never met a stranger or someone she would not try to help. I am so sorry her beautiful light is now gone from our world, but I know Heaven is celebrating a life well lived, a great mission accomplished. Fly high, sweet Meg! 💕💕💕

Lynne' Reeves - September 09, 2019 at 06:02 PM



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September 09, 2019 at 05:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.*



September 09, 2019 at 05:44 PM



“ *I worked with Meg 3 years ago at Ashley Ridge. It was my first year teaching and she was one of the saints that helped me get through it. The students loved her and she built trust among them and her coworkers with her kindness and integrity. I still vividly remember her bright smile. My heart hurts to hear about such a wonderful human taken so suddenly.*

Emily Amerson - September 09, 2019 at 05:43 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Megan Walters Rafferty.*



September 09, 2019 at 05:27 PM

MI

“ *Megan was and continues to be a bright star. Her amazing love for others and especially children, make her shine brighter than the rest. Her positive and uplifting personality rubbed off on everyone around her. It has been such a blessing to know even a portion of who she was. And while there is never the correct thing to say in this time, I can say that Megan knew love, how to love and she is continuing that love with the memories and moments we were blessed to spend with her. Peace and love to all those that knew her, Amen.*

Misty - September 09, 2019 at 05:27 PM

DE

“ *God bless you sweet Meg. You were one of the best and brightest. Forever in our hearts.
Love Aunt Debbie and Uncle Joe*



Debbie - September 09, 2019 at 04:29 PM