

Kathleen Frances Hartmann

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Las Vegas, Nevada - Nov. 23, 1946 - Dec. 12, 2025

Kathleen Hartmann, 79, peacefully entered heaven December 12, 2025, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Born in Minneapolis, Kathleen's early years were marked by trauma; but by grace through faith, her life overflowed with love, poured out to her son, family, and all who knew her.

A champion for equality, Kathleen dedicated her career in social work to serving the most vulnerable in Hennepin County. She strove to eradicate racism, sexism, and injustice wherever she found it, believing deeply in the dignity of every person. She often said, "Diversity is the spice of life — and smart business."

Kathleen's deep and enduring faith in Jesus Christ was the foundation of her life and work and sustained her through a courageous 15-year battle with Alzheimer's.

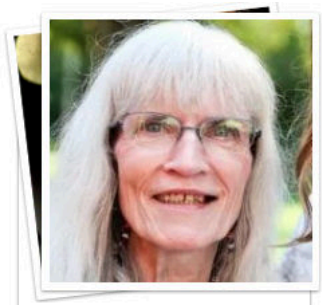
She was preceded in death by her parents, Mary Harrigan and John Hartmann; her sisters, Patricia Flanagan and Margaret Murphy; and her beloved grandson, Isaiah Yunger. She is survived by her son, David Yunger (Lisette); sister, Mary Hartmann (Billie); grandsons, Jamison and Joshua Yunger; and nieces and nephews including Peggy Flanagan (Tom), Molly Ritchie (Annie), Misha Wahlstrom (Nechama), and Julie Wahlstrom.

"As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you."
-Isaiah 66:13

A funeral service will be held at 11am (visitation 10am) on Friday, April 10, 2026, at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, Wayzata.

To **send flowers** to the family or **plant a tree** in memory of Kathleen, please **visit our floral store**.

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Obituary for Patricia Elizabeth Flanagan

When Minnesota lawmakers were considering raising the minimum wage in the spring of 2014, Patricia Flanagan received a call one night from her daughter who was working with several organizations to see the measure through. A lesser deal was being discussed, and daughter Peggy was calling to lament what seemed like a loss.

You can't give up, Patricia retorted. Thousands of people are counting on you, she said, while also adding she wished she'd had someone like her daughter advocating for people like her when she was younger.

The next day, the coalition of organizations doubled down on trying to pass something more robust, which is what happened. Patricia's pep talk - from the perspective of a woman who had struggled to raise a daughter by herself and utilized state programs to help make things just a little better - can be listed as one of the many moving parts that won the day.

Patricia Flanagan (née Hartmann) died on Nov. 18 at the age of 72. Preceded in death by parents Mary and John, along with sister Peg, Patricia is survived by daughter Peggy (Tom) and granddaughter Siobhan, sisters Mary (Billie) & Kathy, nieces & nephews David (Lisette), Molly (Annie), Misha (Nechama), and Julie, as well as several grand-nieces & grand-nephews.

A devoted Matthew 25 Catholic and DFLer, Patricia understood and lived the interconnectedness of being both - of doing the work that good Catholics and DFLers do to advance social justice and work to help the least of these. After graduating from St. Margaret's Academy, she moved to Washington, D.C., to work on the Hubert H. Humphrey campaign for president in 1968. Her mother and sisters had all worked for Humphrey in one capacity or another - mother Mary was one of the few women who was part of the deliberations that led to the creation of the DFL party in the 1940s.

When her only child was born, Patricia dedicated herself to caring for their family and raising a strong, resilient daughter. It was difficult. Food wasn't always readily available in their small apartment in St. Louis Park, but little Peggy always ate first. And thanks to programs such as Medicaid, Child Care Assistance, free/reduced school lunches, and the Minnesota Family Investment Program, Patricia was always able to provide just enough as a single mom, and later was able to go back to school to earn a professional certificate at St. Catherine's University. From there, she spent many years providing famously gentle and compassionate care as a phlebotomist, mostly at Abbott-Northwestern, Midway (her favorite place she ever worked), and Methodist hospitals.

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John J., age 58, of St. Peter, formerly of Mpls. LIFE MEMBER OF DISABLED AMERICAN VETS AND AMERICAN LEGION. Survived by mother, Alice V.; brother, Ted; daughters, Kathleen, Mary & Patricia Hartmann and Margaret Thompson; grandchildren, David Yunger, Mike Ritchie & Peggy Hartmann; uncle, Frank Walsh; many cousins. Mass of Christian Burial Wednesday 10 am Holy Name Catholic Church, 3637-11th Ave. S. Interment Lakewood. Reviewal one hour before service at church. Mass offerings preferred. Arr. with Henry W. Anderson Mortuary, 3640-23rd Ave. S.

John Hartmann, suspected in 4 slayings but never tried, is dead

John Hartmann, who spent more than 30 years in state mental hospitals as a murder suspect but never was charged with a crime, is dead of natural causes. He was 58.

Hartmann, who had been ill for some time, died Monday at St. Joseph Immanuel Hospital in Mankato. He had been moved there from the Minnesota Security Hospital at St. Peter, said Dr. Brian Gottlieb, an official at the security hospital.

Hartmann was committed to the security hospital in late 1951 after the slaying of a Minneapolis man, Theodore Foth, whose body was found on a burning bed in Hartmann's room. He was never charged with murder, but was committed as mentally ill and dangerous on a petition filed by his wife.

In 1964, Hartmann was suspected of killing a fellow inmate at the security hospital but, because of lack of evidence, was not charged. He was moved to Anoka State Hospital in 1970, escaped and was arrested in New Mexico as a suspect in the killings of a man and a woman there.

He eventually was returned to Minnesota and St. Peter, from which he escaped in April 1979. He fled then to Missouri.

Before Hartmann's recapture U.S. District Judge Miles Lord called him a "mass murderer" and said the fugitive had threatened him. Hartmann was found in Sikeston, Mo., receiving hospital care for a chest pains; he was returned to Minnesota after being arrested on a federal charge of threatening the judge.

Lord's comments were criticized by Dr. Charles Sheppard, then director of the St. Peter hospital, and by others, who said Hartmann was a gentle man. He faulted Lord for accusing Hartmann of crimes that had never resulted in charges.

Hartmann is survived by his mother, Alice; a brother, Ted; daughters Kathleen, Mary and Patricia Hartmann, and Margaret Thompson; and three grandchildren. He will be buried today at Lakewood Cemetery after a mass at Holy Name Catholic Church.



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Little Peggy Hartmann in 2nd grade.
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Harrigan (Hartmann)

Mary E., age 61, of 4618 S. Cedar Lake Rd., St. Louis Park. Executive director of Wayside House for Women. Survived by mother, Catherine F. Harrigan; daughters, Kathleen F. Hartmann, Mary A. Hartmann, Margaret A. (Peg) Thompson & Patricia E. Hartmann; son-in-law, Dann Carlsen of Ft. Rucker, AL; sisters, Catherine F. Novack, Patricia M. McGarrity & Sheila A. Harrigan; brothers, Edmond M. Harrigan of MA & R. Emmet Harrigan of IL; grandchildren, Michael Ritchie, David Yunger & Margaret (Peggy) Hartmann. Funeral services from the Knaeble Funeral Home, W. Broadway at Upton N, Sat. 9:15 am. Funeral Mass St. Olaf's Catholic Church, 215 S. 8th St., 10 am. Interment Lakewood Cemetery. Visitation from 3-9 pm Fri. Prayer Service 7 pm Fri. Memorials pref. to Wayside House, Inc., 2401 Pillsbury Ave. S., Mpls.



Margaret Murphy

May 25, 2021

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Murphy, Margaret "Peg" (née Hartmann) of Minnetonka, died on May 25, 2021, days after turning 72. Peg grew up in Northeast Minneapolis and Bryn Mawr, attended St. Anthony and Basilica grade schools, then St. Margaret's Academy before earning degrees from St. Kate's and St. Thomas. A creative, talented writer and poet, Peg loved playing piano or sunning her world-famous long hair during a day on the boat. A strong, kind, and helpful public servant who worked for Hennepin County chemical dependency & mental health, Peg was also a devoted DFL and social justice supporter, and a wonderful friend to many. Survived by sisters, Kathleen Hartmann, Mary Hartmann (Billie Wahlstrom) and her best friend Patricia Flanagan; nieces and nephews, Molly Ritchie (Annie Bulbulian Wells), David (Lisette) Yunger, Peggy Flanagan (Tom Weber), Julie Hartmann, and Misha (Nechama) Wahlstrom; and many great-nieces, great-nephews, relatives, and friends. Preceded in death by husband, John; parents, John and Mary Hartmann. Visitation (10am) and Mass of Christian Burial (11am) Wed. (6/2) at Church of the Ascension, 1723 N. Bryant, Mpls. Private interment. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Minnesota DFL Party or the Alzheimer's Association. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Strobeck Johnson 952-938-9020

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Hospital escapee charged with crime

By Doug Stone
Staff Writer

John Hartmann, the fugitive from the Minnesota Security Hospital at St. Peter, was charged Thursday with threatening U.S. District Judge Miles Lord in a phone call three or four years ago.

The filing of the charge by the U.S. attorney's office in Minneapolis allows federal and local authorities to arrest Hartmann wherever he is found and to hold him in a jail until he is brought to court.

Law enforcement officials complained this week that their search for Hartmann, 55, was hampered because the suspected murderer had never been convicted or even charged with a crime. He was civilly committed to the security hospital in 1951, after the slaying of a Minneapolis man.

Without a criminal conviction or charge, police were unable to issue an arrest warrant for Hartmann. Until yesterday, even if he were detained by police in another state and held in a hospital, there was no guarantee that he would be returned to Minnesota.

Hartmann's name has now been entered on a nationwide police computer system and police agencies around the country have been alerted that he is wanted by federal authorities in Minnesota.

Hartmann, an inmate at St. Peter for 27 years, left on a pass April 5 and didn't return. He left with Patricia Raye Elwood and was supposed to go to her home in Mankato.

Hospital officials said that Hartmann had been going out on unescorted trips with his family for several years and that Elwood had been with him on several unescorted trips.

He is believed to have left the state because the car he and Elwood were using was discovered Sunday night at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. Elwood has not been located either.

The criminal complaint against Hartmann charges him with intimidating Lord "with a view toward corruptly influencing him to take action favor-

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able to John Jacob Hartmann" in a civil case that was pending before Lord.

The judge said Monday that his wife received a call last week from a man he was certain was Hartmann. The call prompted Lord to obtain armed protection from the U.S. marshal's office.

The judge, a former U.S. attorney, also urged the U.S. attorney's office and the FBI to investigate the case. He criticized the FBI for not getting involved in the search for Hartmann, although a bureau official said earlier this week that there was no federal violation over which the bureau had jurisdiction.

Attached to the complaint against Hartmann is a five-page affidavit in which Lord describes the phone call three or four years ago and the one last week.

He said the earlier call came from a man who identified himself as Hartmann. Lord at the time was presiding over a suit involving him.

Hartmann complained about the time it was taking Lord to decide the case, the affidavit said. He asked when the judge would make a ruling, and Lord said he was working on the case.



John Hartmann



Patricia Raye Elwood

Hartmann told Lord, according to the affidavit: "It doesn't make any difference, I'll be out of here (St. Peter) one of these days."

Lord said he had to follow the law. Hartmann replied: "I'll be out one way or another, and when I do I'm coming out there to see you."

Lord told Hartmann that he wouldn't be home when Hartmann came, the affidavit said. Hartmann replied, "I have a lot of patience."

"I construed this to mean that he would come to my house and lie in wait for me, and that the threat was directed toward the judicial action which I was not taking quickly enough for his satisfaction and he was attempting to intimidate me into taking favorable action," Lord said in the affidavit.

The judge said that because Hartmann was in the security hospital there was no point in reporting the threat to the FBI. Lord said he simply told Hartmann's lawyers about the call and asked them to tell him not to call again, the affidavit said.

On Wednesday the judge called his wife at home and played a tape recording of Hartmann's voice. She said the voice was similar to that of the man who had talked to her last week, Lord said in the affidavit.

U.S. Attorney Andrew Daneelson said yesterday that once Hartmann is brought back to Minnesota it will be determined whether to try him on the charge. He would not rule out a trial, but federal officials acknowledged privately that the charge was the only means available to issue an arrest warrant for him.

Meanwhile, Lord and his wife left yesterday on a planned vacation out of state.

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late the American economy.

The Northern Tier argument was disputed by John Reynolds, a lawyer for PACAT Inc., the consortium supporting a Pacific-to-Atlantic pipeline of 270 miles that would be built across Guatemala, parallel to a railroad.

Reynolds said the PACAT line could be built within 18 months of securing the $550 million needed. The Guatemalan government would own the pipeline, with the American company assured of a long-term lease, he added.

U.S. tankers would service the pipeline, meaning more jobs for American seamen, Reynolds said. PACAT oil would go to Gulf Coast refineries for distribution northward through would be free to proceed with their projects, said Alvin Alm, the department's chief of policy and planning, who presided over the hearing.

The Standard Oil Co. of Ohio (Sohio), which has a share of Alaska oil production, is tentatively negotiating for federal and California approval of a pipeline from Long Beach, Calif., to Texas.

Reynolds said PACAT Inc. sought "federal recognition" that neither the Sohio nor the Northern Tier projects are the best solution to shipping Alaska oil eastward.

U.S. tankers now are carrying Alaska oil through the Panama Canal to refineries on the Gulf Coast.



Minnesota Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan points to a photo of her family from the late 1960's in Minneapolis, including, from left, her mother Patricia Flanagan; her aunt and namesake Peg Murphy; her grandmother Mary Hartmann; her aunt Mary Hartmann; and her aunt Kathleen Hartmann.