



Mrs. Margaret Johanna "Joan" McGovern

January 26, 1938 - April 22, 2020

Margaret Johanna "Joan" McGovern, age 82 of Woodstock, passed away Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at her home. Born January 26, 1938 in Maryland, she was the daughter of the late George Shannon Ziegler and the late Ella Grace Flater Ziegler. She was the wife of Thomas P. McGovern of Woodstock, her husband of 65 years.

She had been a homemaker for most of her life Joan was an avid gardener and enjoyed tending to her vegetables, fruit trees and grape arbor. She enjoyed making jellies and jams with her produce. She was an avid reader and enjoyed restoring furniture. She was also a talented artist who enjoyed painting and drawing.

Surviving in addition to her husband are daughters Sharon Davis and her husband Mike, Wendy Marie Heilman, and Jennifer Lynn Christian and her husband Jeffrey, grandchildren Brian Christian, Sarah Lau, Michelle Coley-Alejo, and Nicole Schaefer, and 6 great grandchildren.

Services and interment will be private.

Online condolences may be offered at www.haightfuneralhome.com

Comments



“ Phyllis Sipes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Johanna "Joan" McGovern



Phyllis Sipes - April 27 at 02:41 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss Jenn! My Deepest Sincere Condolences to you and the family in this time of loss! Love and miss you always and pray all is well with you! I lost my Mom on July 22, 2019. Keep in touch gf!

Barbara Haymire Medicus - April 28 at 12:43 PM



“ Dear Mike and Sharon, The staff of Bladensburg Post Office sends our deepest condolences and support for your family. Especially in these trying times, we're all here for you.

Bladensburg Post Office - April 26 at 10:25 PM



“ Mom, I miss you so much already. My heart is broken now, but you taught me to be strong and I will honor you by overcoming the grief I am feeling now. You were always there for me through good times and bad and were my best friend. You were the ying to my yang. You taught me so much and I will never forget any of the lessons that you taught me, as they have made my life what it is today. You taught me to be strong, confident, self-reliant, compassionate and loving. All this was learned by me just by watching you. I will love you until the end of time and I know that one day, I will see you again. Until then, I will miss you every day of my life.

Your loving and devoted daughter- Sharon

Sharon Davis - April 26 at 10:12 PM



“ Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret Johanna "Joan" McGovern.



April 25 at 10:57 AM



“ You were a very pleasant lovely lady and may you rest in peace. We feel privileged to have met you. Joe and I send our sincere sympathy to all your family.

Joyce and Joseph Fox - April 24 at 07:00 PM



“ Aunt Joan. I loved spending the night at your home. I remember your garden, alligator, chinchilla and parrot "Pedro", I think. We were having dinner one time and Pedro flew onto the roast beef. I tried not to laugh because you were so upset. I remember camping in your back yard and listening for the bobcat. You always made me feel so welcome in your home. What a wonderful lady to have as an Aunt. Thanks so much!

Trish Kulick - April 24 at 06:45 PM



“ You were one of the strongest people I ever knew. Grandma never took “no” for an answer, always held it together when others crumbled, and was determined to beat all the odds no matter how they were stacked against her.

She taught me to stand up for myself, to never back down, and to push forward no matter how hard it was. From the laughs and jokes about life to the tears of my struggles she was always there to offer me very honest advice. She rarely cried but when she did you knew it was real.

I know now that you would tell me to buck up, I know you'd tell me to stop crying, and I know you'd tell me that everything will be just fine because that's who you were.

You and I will always be connected in a way beyond granddaughter and grandmother - you were the mirror of my soul and you always told me how much alike we were. Thank you for loving me even when I couldn't love myself. I'm struggling to overcome these feelings of grief and anger but I know you're with me.

I love you grandma, always and forever.

Michelle Coley-Alejo - April 24 at 12:04 PM



“ To Joan's family, I grew up with Joan as a child, we were next door neighbors, living in Lansdowne on Hammonds Ferry Road. She and I played together almost every day and I can remember us playing and singing many songs from the Hit Parade Magazine. We called it playing on stage and we each sang a song separately as though we were on stage. We did not have much of an audience, just my younger sister and sometimes her little brother Frankie. But we had fun together until we grew to our teens and then developed other interests. I have great memories. My deepest sympathy for your loss. Just to mention, I see Joan was 82 when she passed and I am 84. Her older brother George and I were the same age. May my old friend Joan Rest in Peace. Phyllis Mogavero Stachorowski Sipes.

to the Family of Joan McGovern

Phyllis Sipes - April 27 at 02:39 PM