



## Mary Margaret McMahon

May 1, 1931 - November 5, 2024

Mary Margaret (née Canty) McMahon, 93, of La Plata, Maryland died at her home on November 5, 2024. She was born in Midland, Maryland, in 1931 to Owen Francis and Margaret (Creamer) Canty. After moving to southeast Washington, D.C., at the age of four, she attended grade school at St. Peter's Catholic and high school at St. Cecilia's Academy. While there she was captain of the basketball team, Student Council President, and May Queen for the May Procession. The impact of her time at St. Cecilia's was pivotal to her life as she remained lifelong friends with her schoolmates and was an active member of the St. Cecilia's Alumni Association, always attending their annual Mass and luncheons.

Mary Margaret is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Joseph Patrick McMahon. They met as teenagers while living in the same Capitol Hill neighborhood, and were

blessed with a deep and enduring love. They raised six daughters.

She is also preceded by parents Owen Francis and Margaret (Creamer) Canty, brother

Owen, and sisters Rose Marie Canty CSC, Kathleen M. Harden (Joseph Harden), and

Frieda M. Southern (Dennis Southern). Mary Margaret had many fond memories of

growing up both in Midland and on Capitol Hill. The Canty home always had room for

relatives needing to live in D.C. and Creamer and Canty cousins visited often.

Love,

laughter, and Irish tunes were the rule. Later in life, Mary Margaret realized her dream

of visiting Ireland and enjoyed gazing out on Galway Bay.

Mary Margaret is survived by six daughters, Mary Jo Thompson (George C. Thompson,

deceased), Teresa Chaconas (Ted Chaconas), Rose Marie Codling (Arthur P. Codling),

Patricia Southcomb (Robert A. Southcomb, deceased), Anne Flamm (John Flamm) and

Catherine McMahan.

There were several “7th daughters” and special “sons” in her life due to her being a

second Mom to many with her open door and generous heart. She loved each of them as

her own.

In addition, Mary Margaret is survived by 10 adoring grandchildren, 18 great

grandchildren, special cousins, many devoted nieces, nephews, Godchildren, neighbors and friends.

Mary Margaret was employed by the Bureau of Customs in the 1950s, but left that job to

be a stay-at-home Mom for about 15 years, raising six daughters with their father, Joe.

Her outside employment continued in the 1970's and she retired from the United States

Census Bureau in 1999 where she received many commendations for excellence.

A lifelong Catholic and faith-filled woman, Mary Margaret was a joyful volunteer with

numerous organizations including Holy Family Catholic Church in Hillcrest Heights and

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in La Plata. Mary Margaret served as a Eucharistic

Minister and was a member of Our Lady's Sodality and the Parish Council. She was also

active on the repast committee and was a welcome visitor to the homebound and

residents of the Senior Center of Charles County, for whom she brought Communion.

Beyond her church involvement, Mary was a member of the Board of the Charleston

Terrace Homeowners' Association and she relished her work as a volunteer respite

worker for Hospice of Charles County.

Mary Margaret's interests centered around her large and growing family. Gatherings to celebrate baptisms, weddings, school functions, sporting events, concerts, and school plays dominated her life. She had a beautiful smile and everyone loved to see Gramma at her home or at their function. She was so proud of her family and spoke frequently about them, all the while trying to be humble. She enjoyed hearing all the details of family members living far and wide.

The family enjoyed gathering in Ocean Pines every spring for an annual trip which included visits to the Ocean City Boardwalk, favorite restaurants, kite festivals, tea at the Dunes Manor Hotel and lots of laughs. It was always a wonderful opportunity to celebrate her May 1st birthday.

Mary Margaret was a kind person with a smile that lit up the room. She made friends easily because she was non-judgemental and happy to meet and accept people for who they were. She was always willing to help out.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Health Partners, Inc., 3070 Crain Highway, Suite 101, Waldorf, MD 20601. This local non-profit which provides dental and medical

services to area residents was founded in 1992 by Sister Michaleen Frieders, CSC and

Sister Gladys Marie Martin, CSC, both members of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Mary

Margaret's deep affection and respect for the Holy Cross sisters began as a child when

her teachers were members of the Holy Cross order and her older sister Rose Marie

became a Holy Cross sister. Supporting an organization originally founded by two Holy

Cross sisters is a fitting legacy to Mary Margaret's good deeds.

Services will be held as follows: A Gathering of Friends and Family will be held on

Sunday, November 17th, 2024 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (prayers at 3:00 pm) at Raymond Funeral Service, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, MD. A

Funeral Mass will

be held on Monday, November 18th, 2024 at 10:00 am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church,

La Plata, MD. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery, 8000 Woodyard Road in

Clinton, MD.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Friends and Family

NOV 17. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
5635 Washington Ave.  
La Plata, MD  
business.office@raymondfuneral.com  
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Prayers

NOV 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
5635 Washington Ave.  
La Plata, MD  
business.office@raymondfuneral.com  
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Funeral Mass

NOV 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
201 St Marys Ave  
La Plata, MD 20646  
(301) 934-2261

## Burial

NOV 18 (ET)

Resurrection Cemetery  
8000 Woodyard Road  
Clinton, MD 20735

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ Richard Arthur Johnson Sr. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Margaret McMahan.

Richard Arthur Johnson Sr. - November 17, 2024 at 09:01 AM

RS

“ Richard Arthur Johnson Sr. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Margaret McMahan.



Richard Arthur Johnson Sr. - November 17, 2024 at 09:01 AM

DM

“ Donna M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Margaret McMahan.

Donna M. - November 16, 2024 at 09:07 AM

MC

“ Marion conteh purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Margaret McMahan.



Marion conteh - November 15, 2024 at 07:13 PM

LT

“ Love, RoseAnne and Raman Tripathy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Margaret McMahon.

Love, RoseAnne and Raman Tripathy - November 14, 2024 at 12:12 PM

LT

“ Love, RoseAnne and Raman Tripathy purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mary Margaret McMahon.



Love, RoseAnne and Raman Tripathy - November 14, 2024 at 12:12 PM

YB

“ We are so sorry to hear about Mary Margaret’s passing, but we are comforted that she died at home where we know she would have felt safest in familiar surroundings surrounded by her daughters.

*There is never a good time to say goodbye, but your mom, Mary Margaret, is now at peace and no longer tortured by her declining condition. Her prayers have been answered.*

*Your mom was the best and lived a full and good life. She was unreservedly proud of all her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, who she loved dearly and mentioned often. I can’t imagine anyone who met her who wouldn’t want to be her friend and would count themselves lucky to be her neighbor. Our mom, Nina, certainly did on both counts. I know how much Mary Margaret and mom loved being members of our exclusive La Plata Babes! We had so many lovely lunches and dinners together over the years and I know how much these events meant to all the LPBs.*

*While we will mourn her passing, I know there is so much to celebrate over the good life she lived. We will remember her well and with love from us all,*

*Nina, August, Yvonne and Lesley*

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**Y. M. Burt** - November 14, 2024 at 10:05 AM

VT

“ VML team purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mary Margaret McMahan.



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**VML team** - November 14, 2024 at 12:43 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret McMahon.



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November 13, 2024 at 09:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Margaret McMahon.

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November 11, 2024 at 07:56 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret McMahon.



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