

Marian F. James

February 28, 2021

Marian F. James, 97 formerly of Bethlehem and Jonas, PA, passed away February 28, 2021 in Westminster Village, Allentown. Marian was a Psychiatric Nurse for the Commonwealth of PA working in the Pennhurst Center and Norristown State Hospital for 30 years until retiring. After retirement, she worked in the same capacity at Gnaden Huetten Hospital in Lehigh, PA for 5 years. Born in West Pittston, PA, she was the daughter of the late Carlton and Reba (Hahn) Courtright. She was a graduate of West Pittston High School and Wyoming Seminary in 1942 and a graduate of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in 1945. In high school she loved playing the violin. In retirement, she enjoyed the peace and solitude of her home in the woods. She was a volunteer for the American Red Cross and was very active with their blood drives. She was also a volunteer RN for the West End Ambulance in Effort, PA for 15 years. She was a "nurse for life" and brought great joy and comfort to those she served, and to those she worked with. To her family, she was a loving and proud mom, and "Nana."

Survivors: Son: Thomas C. Harp and his wife Margaret Harp of Allentown,
Daughters: Nancy wife of Robert Grebe of Apache Junction, AZ and Linda Harp of Sinking Spring, PA, 8 Grandchildren, 18 Great-Grandchildren and 1 Great-Great Grandchild.

A Memorial Service will be private, at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements by the J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home, Allentown. To view

Marian's memorial service, go to her obituary at: www.jsburkholder.com, it will

be livestreamed on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to the Salvation Army.

Tribute Wall



“ So many memories of this wonderful woman and Nana. I'm glad she was there for me throughout my childhood, as I became a young adult, got married and finally became a Mama. Love and miss you, Nana. Your spirit will live on forever. Rest in peace.

Natalie Harrison - March 11, 2021 at 01:37 PM

JM

“ I will never forget the endless memories I have going up to her house and gathering with the family and having the time of our lives..I can't thank her enough for being one of the reasons for being the strong woman I am n become..the values she has taught our family n the love she always shown us will forever be in my heart..you will be sadly missed..love you nana ❤️❤️!!



Jessica McCarter - March 11, 2021 at 10:49 AM

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“ I actually got to see my Nana more this past year than I might have otherwise with the virtual visits my dad and her caregivers set up. She has been the same sweet and positive woman I've always known her to be during this pandemic. I will always remember her strength and her enjoyment of the simple things. I'll always remember looking forward to driving up to the Poconos and seeing you Nana! One day again



Granddaughter Rebecca - March 09, 2021 at 08:15 PM

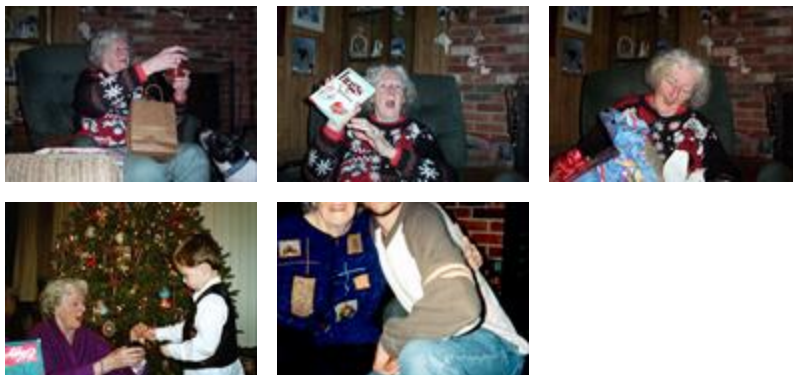
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“ Mom_ I owe my life to you. You were the strongest, kindest and most beautiful woman I know. You had endless love and pride in all your family .Your spirit will always be with us.I will forever love and miss you. See you again someday. Nancy

Nancy - March 09, 2021 at 10:51 AM

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“ Love and miss you Nan



Chris Kugler - March 08, 2021 at 05:08 PM

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Loves these

Mercadez King - March 09, 2021 at 04:27 PM

JC

“ I was blessed to meet this amazing woman several times in my life. She walked this earth long enough to participate in her son and daughter in law' 50th wedding anniversary . She lived her life giving so much to others and taking so little for herself. She needed to rest and make the journey to Heaven. Jim Calpas

James calpas - March 07, 2021 at 11:44 AM

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“ Mom, you lived a long and rewarding life. Nurses are our angels on Earth, and now you are a true angel in heaven. Thank you for always being there for us. You were the matriarch of our family, our rock and our inspiration. Thank you for "adopting" Peg as a daughter. She loved you as a mother. We tried our best to protect you over the past several years, to make sure you were safe and well cared for. In the end, you were at peace. You were not in pain or suffering. You passed on with people who liked and admired you at your side. I only wish I could have gotten there a few minutes earlier to say goodbye, to hug and kiss you one more time, and to enjoy your smile. Maybe to sing "Jesus Loves Me" one more time with you. God blessed you with a long life and a family that loved you. And we were blessed to have you in our lives. Rest in peace, mom. We'll see you again in paradise.

Tom Harp - March 07, 2021 at 11:19 AM

MK

“ *Rest In Peace great grandma.*



Mercadez King - March 05, 2021 at 12:49 PM

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“ *Robert Grebe lit a candle in memory of Marian F. James*



Robert Grebe - March 03, 2021 at 08:54 PM

RG

“ *Mom treated me like a son from the very first time I met her. Talking with her in the mornings over coffee, we discovered that her sister Eleanor and my aunt Irene were best friends. My aunt played the piano and her sister would sing. When mom found out that I liked peanut butter cups and Cashews, there were plenty of both whenever we would go up for the weekend. She was a very unselfish lady and I was proud to have her as a mother-in-law. I will surely miss her a lot. Thanks for all the great memories. Love and miss you, Sun-in- law Bob*

Robert Grebe - March 03, 2021 at 08:47 PM

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“ I have the most wonderful memories growing up of my mom, Eleanor, sitting at the organ with Aunt Marian singing. They were truly soul sisters and expressed so much love and support to each other. I can see them now singing praises and being so joyful.

I wish to express my condolences to my cousins, Tom & his wife, Peg; Nancy & husband Bob, and Linda and all of Aunt Marian's family. She lived a long life blessed with family love and support

Love,
Cousin Phyllis

Phyllis Steed - March 03, 2021 at 12:26 PM

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Thank you Phyllis. My mom is with your mom now. Singing together again.

Tom Harp - March 07, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Marian F. James.



March 02, 2021 at 10:34 AM