



Marian McAndrews

June 2, 1949 - November 6, 2018

Marian (Yanak) McAndrews, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and sister passed away November 6, 2018 at age 69 surrounded by family. A lifelong Philadelphia resident, Marian was born in Southwest Philly where she attended Most Blessed Sacrament Primary School (the largest in the nation at the time) at 56th and Chester Avenue. She graduated from West Catholic HS for Girls Class of 1967, at 45th and Chestnut Streets. Marian was retired from the City of Philadelphia's Department of License and Inspections where she worked for over 30 years while rising to the rank as Commercial Fire Code Enforcement Supervisor - one of only two in the entire city!

Marian was many things: a gardener, bicyclist, cancer fighter, beach lover, arts and entertainment supporter, and a curious traveler who with her husband recently completed trips across the Canadian Rocky Mountains, as well as a trek across the famous U.S. Route 66. For Marian, though, her most important role was as "Grandma" to her nine loving grandchildren.

Whether she was spending time with her grandkids on the beach and Ocean City's boardwalk or visiting her extended family and wide network of friends, Marian had an innate ability to connect with others, starting many conversations with "What parish are you from?"

A vibrant and active member in her adopted neighborhood of Francisville,

Marian enjoyed Fairmount Park and the Schuylkill River for riding her bicycle and walking. She participated in several long-distance cycling races, including the NYC 5 Borough Bike Tour and the 50+ mile Tour de Shore, where at 55 years old she finished before many police officers half her age. Marian was an active member of St. Francis Xavier parish, where she generously donated her time along with her husband George for 20 years counting Mass collections, and was also active at St. Andrew's Lithuanian Church in the Fairmount area. She nurtured friends throughout her life and more recently spent time with her book club as well as a network of women battling breast cancer both in Fairmount and the Jersey Shore town of Ventnor.

Marian is survived by her husband George of 49 years, her sons Sean (Tori), David (Lauren), and daughter Jill Coleman (Brian), and her sister Terri (Jim) Lai. Marian's nine loving grandchildren who were the center of her life are (oldest to youngest): Anna, Owen, Grace, Kyle, Rosemary, Carly, Shane, Jack and Liam. She was pre-deceased by her parents Joseph and Anna Marie Yanak, and her brother Joseph (Joni).

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church, 2319 Green Street, Philadelphia, PA. Visiting hours will precede the Mass starting at 9 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Camilla Hall, 145 King Road, Box 100, Immaculata, PA. 19345 or Villa St. Joseph 1436 Lansdowne Ave., Darby, PA 19023. Burial will be private Arr. Dinan Funeral Home, Phila.

Condolences may also be sent to www.dinanfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Marian McAndrews*

February 03, 2023 at 04:11 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Marian's passing. She was a friend at West and a most wonderful person. I wish we had stayed in touch; sounds like we continued to have much in common, even our challenges. God bless her in heaven. Sincerest condolences to her husband, George, and to her children and grandchildren. May all of her loved ones find peace and comfort in knowing she had a life well lived.*



Diane Kosmalski - November 25, 2018 at 08:41 AM



“ *I went to school with Marian at West and we sometimes hung out together on weekends. She was always very sweet and I wish I would've followed through with the friendship after graduation (I think I missed out on that). I also was friends with George. I'm sorry that I was unable to make the services due to health reasons. You are in our prayers and thoughts daily. God Bless you, George, and you Family.*

Sandy Priemon Mongeluzi

Sandy Priemon Mongeluzi - November 16, 2018 at 12:19 PM

TA

“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to the McAndrews family! I pray the peace of God that surpasses all understanding over you right now. May His love surround you and keep you in constant comfort in the coming days. - Tony Archer

Tony Archer - November 13, 2018 at 03:29 PM

TP

“ RIP I grew up with George and he could not have found a more perfect partner. I meet your children today and saw their children....what a beautiful family.

Thom Priemon - November 11, 2018 at 01:40 AM

FB

“ *Marian was like a mother figure throughout the period of our lives that we spent in the mid 1990s to early 2000's when we lived in Philadelphia.*

Many Thanksgiving & Christmas dinners and family occasions they included us in, allowing us to experience what real American life is about. And what a joy that was.

We looked forward so much to having Marian, George and family over together for our wedding in Ireland in August 2019. Marian will be sorely missed from our wedding ceremony and reception. Also early discussions were afoot of Marian & George renewing their wedding vows in Co Mayo during the trip to Ireland.

It was with great sadness when we visited Philadelphia last week to learn of Marian's sudden illness whilst aware of her on going health battles.

On the other hand satisfied that we were in town to support George and family and immensely proud of the bond we have with the McAndrews clan.

We are really sad thought this week and in particular today as a friend, confidante and paternal figure leaves this earth, it is with hope and in faith we meet again.

Prayers for George, David, Sean, Jill and all the family to stay strong in this troublesome and confusing time.

United in grief from your family in Belfast,

Frank, Christine, and our 3 daughters Cora, Sophia & Francesca Byrne

Frank Byrne - November 10, 2018 at 07:31 AM

DF

“ *Marian, one of the sweetest person I ever met. I worked with Marian for 14 years at L & I and never heard or seen her anyway but Kind, Gentle and Caring. We loved Marian at L & I, we'll miss her.. our sincere condolences to her family at this time.*

Dianne Felder - November 09, 2018 at 06:36 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marian McAndrews.*



November 09, 2018 at 05:18 PM

TF

“ *The Lam Family purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Marian McAndrews.*



The Lam Family - November 09, 2018 at 12:58 PM

CN

“ I’ve known Marian for a short 2 years. Her outward compassion and kindness for others astounded me on the spot. We became acquainted at the gym when she overheard me speak of my mom’s battle with cancer. From then on whenever I ran in to Marian she was kind enough to always displayed so much concern for what my mother was going through. Soon enough her special qualities became apparent to me. I knew I wanted to be her friend and I am so grateful she excepted.

She discussed her own experiences regarding her disease very openly with myself and others. She faced all of her challenges with such grace, faith and hope. She was a true champion.

Her devotion to her family was also very apparent. They seemed to be the center of her life.

I am truly blessed and honored to have had the opportunity to be a part of Marian’s life.

My deepest condolences to George and her family.

Be proud she was truly a beautiful person inside and out.

Charlene Natale

Charlene Natale - November 09, 2018 at 12:56 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marian McAndrews.



November 09, 2018 at 12:07 PM

MC

“ Mike and Kathy Clisham purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marian McAndrews.



Mike and Kathy Clisham - November 09, 2018 at 09:21 AM

DY

“ Aunt Marian was a kind and gentle soul. I remember once when I was around 12 I was at Grandmom's house down the shore and everyone had gone out so I decided to take a shower. Thinking I was all alone, I started singing my heart out to the GoGo's and when I came out of the bathroom a few minutes later there was Aunt Marian sitting on the couch with a cheeky grin on her face. She knew I was embarrassed beyond words but never made a big deal about it. My deepest condolences to all who loved her. Sending lots of love and prayers to Sean, David, Jill, and Uncle George. ❤️🙏❤️

Donna Yanak - November 08, 2018 at 09:28 PM

JT

“ To the Family : Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time.

*Officers and members :
Southwest Football
Coaches Association*

John tomosky - November 08, 2018 at 08:34 PM

HL

“ *My Aunt Mar was a gem! She was one of kind and brought so much love and happiness to so many lives. I have so many memories of my Aunt from as early on as I can remember. The last time we talked a few days before she left us we were planning a girls weekend to the shore around Christmas time. Some of my favorite memories of her were at the shore. I will never forget how much I loved staying at her house down the shore because she always let me stay out 2 hours later then my mom did when I was a teenager. Aunt Mar was the best and will be deeply missed. Lots of love to my Uncle, Sean, David, Jill, all of her grandchildren and especially to my mom who was Marian’s sister and loved her with all of her heart.*

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hl71180@hotmail.com - November 08, 2018 at 08:17 PM

CK

“ *What a full and beautiful life. Marian will be missed by so many far and wide, especially by me.*

Colleen Kochanowicz - November 08, 2018 at 08:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marian McAndrews.*



November 08, 2018 at 07:14 PM

JY

“ My favorite memory of Marian is at the cousins weddings when they started playing "We Are Family", and "Shout" she was right up there with all the cousins dancing and clapping!! What a happy memory!! She was my sister-in-law,, my Maid of Honor and our son's Godmother. She fought this dreaded disease for 4+ years. We recently talked through text on October 18th the day before she was to learn her Pet Scan results. I know she was getting discouraged and she fought it with all her might!! But God just decided she had had enough and took her to His Home. She is with her Mother, her Father and her Brother. We will miss her greatly!!

Joni Yanak - November 08, 2018 at 07:12 PM

HL

That's beautiful Aunt Joni! Xo

hl71180@hotmail.com - November 08, 2018 at 07:11 PM

PM

*M y sister-in-law, my friend
A lways there for me until the end
R arely a peep as you bore your cross
I am heartbroken dealing with your loss A nother angel is in heaven
and that is you
N ever will I forget how you loved me too*

Condolences and love to George, Sean, Dave, Jill and your families.

Uncle Pat

Pat McAndrews - November 09, 2018 at 04:53 AM

DJ

“ *Marian was a sweet, thoughtful caring person. She always made everyone feel welcomed and always made a point of being at every function whether it be family or friends. She was always concerned with what was happening in your life and always knew the right words to comfort. She will be dearly missed and our prayers are with her family.*

Dorothea and Joe - November 08, 2018 at 05:55 PM

FG

“ *So enjoyed our long talks on the porch at the shore and spending beach time together. Marian was a very special person and very easy to spend time with. Always welcoming whenever we were together. She will be missed.*

Florence Giannini - November 08, 2018 at 05:28 PM

HF

“ *Knew Marian from grade school at MBS and then West Catholic. She loved life and was always smiling. Everytime I saw her, she was always happy to see me and talk about the old days. So sad. She had an amazing life. God Bless her and prayers for the entire family.*

Helen Roman Frederick - November 08, 2018 at 05:09 PM