



## Marie C. Swanson

May 7, 1928 - October 9, 2020

Marie Catherine Anne (nee: Visintainer) Swanson was born in Norway, Michigan on May 7, 1928.

When Marie got married, she left her fulltime secretarial assistant career for insurance and bank presidents to become a fulltime homemaker. She switched up her smart business suits with matching ensemble of pumps, hat, gloves and purse for casual, upscale outfits. Whether at work inside or outside her home, she carried herself with grace and elegance.

Marie moved to New Martinsville, WV in 1973 with her husband and four children. Marie and her children became members of St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Parrish. She was very active in the Little Flower Society assisting with youth activities and encouraged her children in the catholic faith. Marie volunteered with Meal on Wheels and participated in various other community activities. She was actively involved and held positions with the WV Federation of Democratic Women. She thoroughly enjoyed attending WV state conventions with her dear friend Joyce Brown.

She was a familiar, friendly face at the election polls. Once her children had moved out into the world, she reveled in babysitting, particularly John Logan and Evan Heslep.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents, David Anthony and Mary Visintainer; her husband, Norman Swanson; her son Lloyd Swanson; her brothers Roland, Elmo, David, and Henry Visintainer.

She is survived by her children Sam Swanson and spouse Nancy Windes,

David Swanson, Lisa Druge and spouse Tom; granddaughters Fiona Druge, Marla DeVault and fiancé Mahala Miller, Katherine Thrush and spouse Jeremy Thrush and her only great-grandson, Haydn Lee Thrush.

Marie was dearly loved by her family and many friends. In recent years she was a resident at the New Martinsville Center. Her family is extremely grateful to the staff for enriching her life with kindness, laughter and love.

Graveside Services will be held on Wednesday at 1pm at Greenlawn Memorial Park, New Martinsville with Fr. Kevin Quirk officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to: St. Jude Childrens Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home, 751 Third Street, New Martinsville, WV.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT **14**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Greenlawn Memorial Park  
N. State Route 2  
New Martinsville, WV 26155

# Tribute Wall

JV

“ I have such great memories of my Aunt Marie, many from my younger years before she married Uncle Norm. She was a fantastic lady, sweet, caring, with a wonderful sense of humor. One memory goes way back to when my brother and I were young boys. We were in the back seat of a car. I think Aunt Marie was driving, not sure, but she was in the front seat. All of a sudden a terrible storm rose up, with pounding rain, lightning, and strong winds. Trees were crashing to the ground around us. Aunt Marie told us to get down on the floor. I looked back up and saw her make the sign of the cross and pray. We came out of that storm with no injury or damage whatsoever. After that incident, I always regarded Aunt Marie as a woman of faith in God.  
To the family, you are so blessed to have had such a wonderful mother, grandmother and friend!

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**Jim Visintainer** - October 26, 2020 at 09:47 PM

MS

“ I came to know Marie & her husband while visiting them at the care center & after his death, I came to spend more time with her. She was so interesting to talk with & I have missed my visits with her during the shutdown of visitors because of the virus. She was a very special lady & will be missed by all who knew her. Praying for her family. 🙏💔

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**marion Stemple** - October 15, 2020 at 06:56 PM

LL

“ Your Mom was always so sweet and I know how much she loved her family. We always had great conversations, especially at my nephews birthday parties—( JL and Evan )  
My sympathy to all the family.  
Linda Lude

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**Linda Lude** - October 14, 2020 at 06:36 PM

SH

“ I will remember Marie and all her funny stories that she told about her and her best friend, Joyce. I will also remember her dancing in her chair and bed every time we would play music. She was so fun to be around. Her and Norm were 2 of my favorite people

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**Sherry Hill** - October 13, 2020 at 08:05 PM

LF

“ I was Mr. and Mrs. Swansons' night turn nurse for several years. I adored them ! We had such wonderful conversations covering many topics! Especially , about the fabulous trilogy of books written by Ole E. Rolvaag!!!! I have always missed them! My thoughts and Prayers for the family . Lissa Furbee

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**Lissa Furbee** - October 13, 2020 at 06:25 PM

PG

“ Our memory, even if short, of Marie was a very sweet little lady that was always dressed in her finest at all times and had a smile on her face. She reminded us of Mrs. Cleaver from the tv show Leave it to Beaver. She'll be one lady we won't forget. Our deepest condolences to all the family. 🙏

*Terry and Polly Goddard*

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**Polly Goddard** - October 13, 2020 at 12:05 PM

CK

“ I knew your beautiful mother from church and later at the nursing home, where we played bingo every Tuesday night. She was such a classy LADY with a soft spoken and beautiful soul. She loved her husband and children and talked about you all the time. You were BLESSED to have her as your mother. Prayers for comfort and peace 🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏

Connie Koon - October 12, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marie C. Swanson.



October 11, 2020 at 07:46 PM

KI

“ I will miss your mother and the years of friendship we shared, and my love and compassion surround you in this sad time of loss. Me and my family share your sorrow and send you comfort hugs and blessings.

Katy Ingram - October 11, 2020 at 03:07 PM

PS

“ Marie and my mother (Joyce Brown) were the best of friends through thick and thin. I know that she was welcomed into Heaven with open arms and a smile. Prayers for you all.  
Pam Shockley

Pam Shockley - October 11, 2020 at 02:16 PM

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“ We were so fortunate to have Marie in our lives. Great friend and neighbor, but will always be remembered as the best "Re" to John Logan & Evan. Gracious and kind to all❤️  
John & Susan Heslep

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**Susan Heslep** - October 10, 2020 at 03:22 PM