



## Doris McGurn Brown

November 21, 1924 - August 18, 2021

Doris McGurn Brown, 96, passed away on August 18, 2021 in her home in Springfield, Virginia where she had lived for almost fifty years, raising four daughters who cared for her until the end and already miss her more than words can say.

Doris is survived by her daughters, Terry Brown (Patricia Briggs), Dorie Nealon (Tom), Lisa Brown (Keith), Judy McDonough (Jim) and their families, including fourteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband James R. Brown and her nine siblings. She is the last of the McGurns who grew up on 92nd Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Doris was born on the eve of the Great Depression in the Bay Ridge neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York where she learned that a strong faith in her savior Jesus Christ, and a sense of humor, are the keys to a happy life. She was a gifted storyteller, and her children and grandchildren never tired of hearing stories of her childhood.

In the 1950s, a spirit of adventure led her to Alaska where she worked as a flight attendant on an airline that flew over the Aleutian Islands. In Alaska, she met another adventurer, James R. Brown of Eagle Lake, Maine. They married

in 1958 and began a family. Their adventures together took them across the country (California, Connecticut) and around the world (Thailand), eventually settling in Virginia.

Doris Brown was a dedicated homemaker who made a beautiful, loving home that she happily opened to friends, neighbors, and strangers so that they might be blessed. She was generous, kind, and compassionate, caring deeply for others in their suffering. She believed passionately in the power of prayer to bring about everyday miracles.

No one who met her could forget her kindness and love. If she were writing this, she would make sure that everyone knew that she always gave God the glory.

A viewing is scheduled for Sunday, August 22 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22315. A graveside service is scheduled for Monday, August 23 at 2:00 PM at Quantico National Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Rd  
Triangle, VA 22172

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**AUG 22.** 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel  
5755 Castlewellan Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22315  
(703) 971-7400  
[info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com](mailto:info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com)  
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

## Graveside Service

**AUG 23.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery  
18424 Joplin Rd  
Triangle, VA 22172-1636  
(703) 221-2183

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ Hi, one of her great grandsons here, One of the last times I saw her, A few months before she passed away, She said something very sweet and funny that will always stick with me. We were driving up from Charleston, SC and when we got to her house and came into her room to begin to talk to her, I started talking to her about how my life was going and everything about school and everything, and we talked about that and stuff, and then, one of the next things she said was, (paraphrase) "oh you look so handsome (puts her hand on my shoulder) you look crispy, i think i should call you crispy from now on!" and so it was, she called me crispy until her passing. may she rest in peace she was always so funny and sweet.

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**Mason** - May 01, 2023 at 06:20 PM



“ *Doris McGurn Brown*

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October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM

SO

“ *Aunt Doris was a light in all of our lives. In a family as large as the extended McGurn family it's easy enough for the younger generations to get "lost in the crowd", but such was not the case when it came to Aunt Doris. Even in her 90s she kept track of her nieces and nephews and their children, and worried about all of us, prayed for each of us, and joyfully celebrated our happiness. As she settles in to her eternal bliss, there is no doubt that her greatest joy is reflecting on the beauty of her four daughters, their spouses and their offspring. Her life was well lived.*

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**Susan O'Brien** - August 23, 2021 at 04:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Doris McGurn Brown.



August 22, 2021 at 08:17 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Doris McGurn Brown.



August 22, 2021 at 03:23 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Doris McGurn Brown.



August 22, 2021 at 09:43 AM



“ *TONY CHO* purchased the *Enduring Grace* for the family of Doris McGurn Brown.



**TONY CHO** - August 22, 2021 at 07:11 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Doris McGurn Brown.*



August 21, 2021 at 10:57 AM



“ *RIP Doris.*



**Frank Titus** - August 21, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ *Chuck and Jan Cherry purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Doris McGurn Brown.*



**Chuck and Jan Cherry** - August 21, 2021 at 07:12 AM



“ *The McGurns purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Doris McGurn Brown.*



**The McGurns** - August 20, 2021 at 10:58 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Doris McGurn Brown.*



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August 20, 2021 at 07:23 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Doris McGurn Brown.*



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August 20, 2021 at 05:25 PM



“ *Doris' loving ways have touched so many. She certainly enriched our lives and we will truly miss her. Now heaven is rejoicing and embracing its newest angel. May she Rest In Peace.*

*Carol and Don Cherba*

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**Carol & Don Cherba** - August 20, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doris McGurn Brown.*



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August 20, 2021 at 02:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Doris McGurn Brown.



August 20, 2021 at 01:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Doris McGurn Brown.



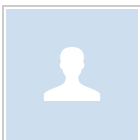
August 20, 2021 at 01:05 PM



“ Please accept my deepest condolences and sympathy. I had the pleasure of chatting at length with Aunt Doris and learned of her deep devotion and faith in God. What a beautiful soul. She has a positive outlook and leaned on the power of prayer. That’s why I picked the floral arrangement “Deepest Faith”, it seemed fitting. God bless and wishing you all peace and comfort.



**Jessica Smith** - August 19, 2021 at 10:55 PM



“ Deepest Faith was purchased for the family of Doris McGurn Brown.



August 19, 2021 at 10:47 PM

KS

“ I loved Doris as did ever friend of Terry and Patricia who met her. She was always gracious and interested in our lives. I spent a weekend at her home in the 80's and she drove us around in her Miata convertible. She was so much fun. What a wonderful legacy she leaves behind. I am happy she is home. Rest In Peace Doris, thank you for the beautiful memories.

Kristine Szczech - August 19, 2021 at 09:09 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Doris McGurn Brown.



August 19, 2021 at 08:46 PM

CV

“ Cousin Hope, Vincent, Ariele and Vincent purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Doris McGurn Brown.



Cousin Hope, Vincent, Ariele and Vincent - August 19, 2021 at 07:33 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doris McGurn Brown.



August 19, 2021 at 02:42 PM

FA

“ From your friends at AASCU purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Doris McGurn Brown.



From your friends at AASCU - August 19, 2021 at 02:31 PM

LT

“ Love, Aunt Jean, Abby, Kate, & Ted purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Doris McGurn Brown.



Love, Aunt Jean, Abby, Kate, & Ted - August 19, 2021 at 11:47 AM

JC

“ Doris, a prayerful, loving, caring, and generous person. So proud of her 4 professional and beautiful daughters and their families. Precious memories. Miss you. May you rest in peace. Love and prayers, Bill and Mary Loy

Jefferson Funeral Chapel - August 19, 2021 at 10:51 AM

NP

Strong, beautiful, brave, giving, loving woman now with her Saviour. May God's peace and love fill your daughters in the knowledge that you are free. Prayers and love from The Porto Family.

Nichelle Porto - August 19, 2021 at 11:16 AM

JR

*From Nephews Joseph and Richard Renison and family  
To Aunt Doris and Family,  
You were a guiding star for us here on Earth. Thank you for always  
being full of love and kindness .*

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**Joseph and Richard Renison** - August 20, 2021 at 11:01 AM