



Marion A. Frieswyk

September 17, 1921 - August 26, 2021

Marion A. Frieswyk passed away Thursday, August 26, 2021 in Fairfax, VA after a brief illness. She is preceded in death by her husband, Henry Frieswyk; her son, Henry Frieswyk, Jr.; her daughter-in-law, Consquella Frieswyk, and her parents, Lynn and Ethelind Armstrong. She is survived by her children, Sandra, David (Barbara), and Susan Frieswyk; daughter-in-law, Lois Frieswyk; grandchildren, Matthew (Tania), Nathan (Devon), and Jonathan Frieswyk; great-grandson, Holden Henry Frieswyk, and a host of loving nieces and nephews.

Born and raised in Hamilton, New York, Marion attended the State University of New York (SUNY) Potsdam, where she received a degree in education with an interest in Geography. At the recommendation of her Geography professor, she then enrolled in a summer program in War Studies at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, designed to train students in subjects related to geography that would be useful during WWII. The program consisted of a series of week-long courses taught by experts in each field. A visiting professor noticed that Marion, along with co-student Henry Frieswyk, showed a talent for Cartography. He asked both to immediately leave the program, move to Washington, DC, and work for him at the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), in their newly formed mapping division. Henry and Marion worked together and eventually married in 1943. Both stayed with the Cartography Division through the end of the war and beyond, as it transitioned to the State Department when OSS was disbanded at the end of the war, and again as it

transitioned to the newly created Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in 1947. Marion remained at CIA until the mid-1950s. Henry stayed until 1980 when he retired after serving as the Director of the Cartography Division. The Cartography Center, as it is now known, recently celebrated 75 years of continuous operation, to which Marion was invited and recognized as the last surviving member of the original OSS cartography group.

After leaving government service, Marion continued to make important contributions by raising a family, working in the local community, and working in the local school system. Marion worked closely with the local Boy Scout troop and raised two Eagle Scouts. She worked as a substitute teacher, served on the PTA, of which she was a lifetime member, volunteered to establish the school library at the newly opened elementary school, and worked closely with school administrators whenever the need arose. She was active in her church, shepherding her husband and children to and from choir rehearsals and using her excellent sewing skills to produce many costumes for the church's Gilbert and Sullivan troupe.

A beloved matriarch of both the Frieswyk and Armstrong families, Marion helped raise several generations of children and continued to provide them with guidance and support into adulthood. A popular program she and Henry ran was to invite nieces and nephews to visit Washington, DC, for a week between their junior and senior years in high school, during which she gave them the "grand tour" of all the monuments and experiences available there. She wasn't happy until they were completely exhausted!

After Henry's death in 1997, she moved to Virginia where she made many new friends and continued to serve the community in many ways.

Relatives and friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA on Friday, September 17, 2021 from 6-8pm. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at Westwood Baptist Church, 8200 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield, VA 22152 at 11am. Internment at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton, MD will take place at a later date. For those wishing to make a memorial contribution in Marion's name, donations

can be made to Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO) at www.echo-inc.org. Please view and sign the family guest book at www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

8000 Woodyard Rd
Clinton, MD 20735

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
(703) 971-7400
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Funeral Service

SEP 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Westwood Baptist Church
8200 Old Keene Mill Rd
Springfield, VA 22152

Tribute Wall



“ *Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Marion A. Frieswyk*



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - September 11, 2021 at 02:21 PM



“ *Marion A. Frieswyk*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM

NT

“ Dear Grandma Frieswyk,

I borrowed this poem from Helen L. Anderson and may I offer it to you:

In Loving Memory of My Grandma

*If roses grow in Heaven Lord
Please pick a bunch for me
Place them in my Grandma's arms
And tell her they are from me
Tell her that I love and miss her
And when she turns to smile
Place a kiss upon her cheek
And hold her for a while
Because remembering her is easy
I do it every day
But there is an ache within my heart
That will never go away*

I love you Grandma Frieswyk and I miss you.

Nicole Pham

Nicole Pham & Tuan Ton - September 19, 2021 at 04:07 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marion A. Frieswyk.



September 17, 2021 at 11:36 AM

BA

“ We are so blessed and honored having being neighbors and friends with such a remarkable lady for 20+ years. In our hearts she will always live on as Mama Frieswyk.



Biggi & Addi - September 16, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Marion A. Frieswyk.



September 15, 2021 at 06:04 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Marion A. Frieswyk.



September 15, 2021 at 05:56 PM

DM

“ Mrs. Frieswyk was a lovely woman, and boy was she funny! Her son Henry was my uncle by marriage and it was a blessing to have her a part of my life for so many years. Donna Wilson Magana

Donna Magana - September 15, 2021 at 05:01 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Marion A. Frieswyk.*



September 15, 2021 at 10:24 AM



“ *The Ritchie & The Cournoyer Families purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Marion A. Frieswyk.*



The Ritchie & The Cournoyer Families - September 14, 2021 at 01:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marion A. Frieswyk.*



September 13, 2021 at 06:15 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marion A. Frieswyk.*



September 08, 2021 at 12:35 PM

KL

“ I am one of the many loving (grand) nieces and nephews Marion kept in touch with over the years. She was my mom's aunt but she was always Aunt Marion to me. She was like a second mother to my mom, and even after my mom's death she always kept in touch with my dad and my siblings and me. It's hard knowing I'll never receive another call from her. I'm so lucky to have been part of her family.
~Karen Wedge Landry

Karen Wedge Landry - September 05, 2021 at 07:15 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marion A. Frieswyk.



September 04, 2021 at 01:36 PM

BW

“ What a wonderful life she had. Full of love and family and grand adventures. You will be missed, but we are all better having known you. RIP.

Barbara Wilson - September 04, 2021 at 01:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marion A. Frieswyk.



September 03, 2021 at 05:13 PM

WS

“ Aunt Marion was a great lady. I loved having conversations with her every time she came up and listening to her talk about her life when she was younger and how it was back then. I'm going to miss you aunt Marion I love you. Love Wayne

wayne sponable - September 03, 2021 at 02:03 PM



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Jefferson Funeral Chapel - September 03, 2021 at 09:05 AM