



Joan Darby West

September 16, 1924 - March 16, 2019

Joan Darby West passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family.

She leaves behind her devoted husband of seventy-three years, Clifton, and four children, Betsy and her husband Craig, Forrest and his wife Patricia, Carolyn and her husband Kevin, Doug and his wife Sue; twelve grandchildren; and twenty great grandchildren. She played a big role in all of their lives. She is also survived by her brother, Jim and his wife Joan.

She was born in Philadelphia to Douglas and Betty Darby. She attended The Shipley School and Sweet Briar College. She met the love of her life, Clifton, and they married in 1946 while he was in Medical School at the University of Pennsylvania.

In addition to being a loving mother and a devoted surgeon's wife, she was a passionate volunteer. She served on the board of Inglis House in Philadelphia. She was an active member in the Junior League, the Colonial Dames, and the Mill Creek Valley Garden Club. She was a supportive room mother in all of her children's classrooms as well as a Cub Scout and Brownie Leader.

They moved permanently to Chestertown following her husband's retirement in the 1980s. They shared a love of the water, sailing, gardening, and being

close to nature. They have loved being part of a wonderful caring community. She was an active member of the Emmanuel Church, a board member of the Chesapeake Bank and Trust, as well as a longtime board member of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. In addition, she was passionate about gardening and knitting which she shared with her Chestertown friends. She and her husband traveled frequently around the globe with their friends.

The family would like to thank all their wonderful friends in Chestertown for being part of their lives as well as the outstanding care givers from the home health services and Compass Hospice.

The memorial service will be Saturday, March 30, 2 p.m., at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church of Chestertown followed by a reception at the Chester River Country Club.

Arrangements by: Marvin V. Williams, Funeral Director, Chestertown, MD.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
101 N. Cross St.
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Joan Darby West*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Joan Darby West*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Joan Darby West*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Joan has always been a great friend and neighbor to our family. We'll miss visiting with Joan on our annual trips from Alaska, but we're so glad that she was able to stay in her own home until she left. We have a great memory of your visit to Alaska and we know that your family will have so many wonderful memories to keep her in your hearts! Ted and Ginny Moore*

Ginny Moore - March 23, 2019 at 07:06 PM



“ *What a surprise to see that such a LOVELY LOVELY person has left us! She must be a new angel in heaven and I can see that smile from here! Dear Cliff and children - I'm so sorry for your loss. (and no wonder she was such a sweet person with Douglas Darby for a father!)*

Cathy Middleton Raphael - March 20, 2019 at 09:16 AM

CF

“ *Connie Fithian lit a candle in memory of Joan Darby West*



Connie Fithian - March 19, 2019 at 09:41 PM

CF

“ *Chester River Health Foundation lit a candle in memory of Joan Darby West*



Chester River Health Foundation - March 19, 2019 at 11:08 AM

MR

“ *Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Joan Darby West*



Max & Maryann Ruehrmund - March 19, 2019 at 11:07 AM

AS

“ I was very saddened to here of Mrs. West passing. I will always remember the driving I did for her and Dr. West to Rhode Island airport for their vacation out on the Vineyard. They were a wonderful couple and friends to everyone they met. To her family I assure them that she will not be forgotten for all the kind things she did for everyone. To Doctor West my friend" We are here for you" Just give me a call Friend. May she RIP from her labors of Love here on Earth.

Allan Schauber - March 19, 2019 at 10:58 AM