



Josephine Townsend Herron

December 25, 1919 - January 8, 2016

Josephine T. Herron of Easton died at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 8, 2016. She was 96.

Born Christmas Day, December 25, 1919, in Ypsilanti, MI, Josephine (known as Jody throughout her childhood and most often as Jo as an adult) was the daughter of the late Leigh Delos Townsend and Muriel Webb Townsend and the brother of the late James Allen Townsend.

During the height of The Great Depression in the mid-1930s, the Townsend family moved to Morgantown, WV, where Josephine completed her junior and senior year of high school. After graduation, the family moved to Delaware, OH, where she attended Ohio Wesleyan University, earning a BA in Elementary Education in 1941 and meeting her future husband, fellow OWU student Don Pershing Herron of Cleveland.

Serving in the Army Air Corps and based in Texas, Don called his fiancée shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor and asked Jo to marry him. She traveled by train to his base in Texas where the two were married on Christmas Eve of 1941.

After WWII and with the help of the GI Bill, they built their home in Lyndhurst, OH. In 1956, the Herron family first moved to Littleton, CO, and then to

Severna Park, MD, in 1961. In 1963, they moved to Rockville, MD, where Jo taught second grade at St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School in Washington, DC, for eleven years. Upon retirement, she was honored with a classroom named for her. A charter member of Faith United Methodist Church in Rockville, she served there as a Sunday school teacher for many years.

When she and Don retired in 1984, they moved to Easton, MD, where they became members of St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Don Herron, Jo's husband of 57 years, died in 1999.

Mrs. Herron is survived by a daughter, Ann Crane Harlan of Centreville, MD; a son, James Townsend Herron of Oxford, MD; another son, Thomas Keith Herron of Myrtle Beach, SC; a nephew, Leonard Townsend of Cumming, GA; grandchildren, Richard P. Crane, Jr., Matthew D. Crane (1973-1977), Sarah Crane, Keith Herron, Elizabeth Herron, Nicole Ohanian, Pamela Herron and Courtney Schweiger; and great-grandchildren, Owen Crane, Audrey Crane, Madelyn Johnson, Evan DeSouter, Ethan Herron, Mia Herron, Jonathan Ohanian, and Joshua Ohanian.

A memorial service will be held at the Centreville United Methodist Church in Centreville, MD, on Sunday, January 17t, at 3 p.m. Mrs. Herron's ashes will be interred next to those of her late husband on Saturday, March 26, at Faith United Methodist Church in Rockville, MD.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Josephine Herron to St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School, 4700 Whitehaven Pkwy, Washington, DC 2007 (202) 342-2805.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Methodist Church
608 Church Hill Road
Centreville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Josephine Townsend Herron*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Josephine Townsend Herron*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Denise Illingsworth lit a candle in memory of Josephine Townsend Herron*



Denise Illingsworth - January 21, 2016 at 05:42 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Josephine Townsend Herron.*



January 14, 2016 at 02:55 PM

CW

“ I have loved Ms. Jo since the moment I met her she was one of the most kind and wonderful people that I have met and I will miss our daily hugs. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers



Cherie Washington - January 13, 2016 at 11:23 AM

JF

“ Dear Herron Family:

I wish to convey my sincerest condolences to your entire family. Losing a loved one in death is one of the hardest things that anyone will ever have to deal with. There is a great hope held out to us for the future because God promises to bring those we lost back to life by means of a resurrection to a paradise earth, where sickness and death will be no more. I hope this brief message will bring you a measure of comfort in this difficult time.

johnson family - January 10, 2016 at 10:12 PM

TH

“ Tim Blackiston, Corsica Hills sent a virtual gift in memory of Josephine Townsend Herron



Tim Blackiston, Corsica Hills - January 09, 2016 at 06:31 PM

GP

“ Gene & Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Josephine Townsend Herron



Gene & Lynda Palmatary - January 09, 2016 at 04:23 PM

GP

Ann and family: Thinking of you in our prayers in the loss of your mother. Glad I got to visit with her on Christmas Eve and had a prayer with her. She was such a sweet lady and always enjoyed visiting her. May her many memories always remain in your hearts. God will give you the love and strength you need to get through this difficult time. Blessings, Lynda and Gene Palmatary

Gene Palmatary - January 09, 2016 at 04:25 PM

AH

“ Ann Hignutt lit a candle in memory of Josephine Townsend Herron



Ann Hignutt - January 09, 2016 at 02:12 PM

CW

“ Centreville Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of Josephine Townsend Herron



Centreville Methodist Women - January 08, 2016 at 05:42 PM



*Our prayers and many blessings are with you during your loss.
Thinking of you. Centreville Methodist Women*

Centreville Methodist Women - January 08, 2016 at 05:43 PM