



Joyce Anita Gagalski

November 19, 1937 - January 5, 2024

Joyce A Gagalski of Rock Hall, MD died on January 5, 2024. She was 86 years old.

She was born in Piney Neck, McKindleyville, Rock Hall on November 19, 1937 to the late Maywood Taylor Vansant Crouch and Scott Hilsboro Vansant. She attended Piney Neck and then Skinners Neck schools. When they closed, she went to Rock Hall Elementary and Middle Schools. She graduated from Rock Hall High School with the class of 1955, where she was president of the student council, editor & chief of the school newspaper, and editor of the school yearbook. She was also a cheerleader and played softball and fieldball. On August 25, 1956 she married Robert Elsworth Gagalski of Rock Hall.

She began working at a very early age, around 6 to 8 years old, sweeping floors for stores in exchange for candy. She worked at Tolchester Amusement Park during the summers and even tried to work at the Rock Hall Sewing Factory, but was sent home (even though she could sew) for being too young by law to work at only 14 years old. She also took care of her baby brother Larry and kept house and cooked meals so her mother could go to work. When she graduated high school, she began working for Stenger Hardware in Rock Hall as a bookkeeper. After she was married, she moved to Georgia and then Germany with her husband who was in the Army. After returning home she worked at the Register of Wills office, then transferred to the Kent County Treasurers Office as a Deputy Treasurer, where she remained until her

retirement in 2007. Her work as a public servant spanned 44 years. During those years she also did the bookkeeping for her husband's business, she was a seamstress, a housekeeper, and a wedding planner for family and friends.

She enjoyed scrapbooking, photography, painting, videotaping her family and events, cooking, playing the keyboard, writing poetry and songs, traveling with her family, gardening, as well as sewing and designing clothing. She loved helping people and always strived to do the right thing. Of all the things she accomplished in her life, the best and most meaningful things to her were her children and grandchildren. They were her greatest joy.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Robert "Robbie" E. Gagalski, Jr.

She is survived by her children: Kristi Osborn (R.J.) of Rock Hall, Tiffani Hague (David Hacker) of Chestertown, and Craig Gagalski (Melissa Ferrone) of Rock Hall; a brother, Larry Crouch of Rock Hall; and grandchildren: Taylor Osborn Strong (Matt), Hunter Hague (Callie Turner), Olivia Gagalski Eichler (Caleb), Jacob Gagalski, and Alexa Hague; and great-grandchild, Waylon Hague.

Services will be held on Thursday, January 11 at 1:00 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown. A visitation will be held prior from 11:30 to 1:00 pm at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company at P.O. Box 577, Rock Hall, MD 21661.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Service

JAN 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 11, 2024 at 08:29 AM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 09, 2024 at 02:58 PM

JE

“ *Our family will forever remember what a great woman Joyce was. The best grandmother my daughter could've ever asked for. Will be praying for comfort and peace for the family during this difficult time. Much love and prayers being sent your way.*



Jennifer Edwards - January 11, 2024 at 11:33 AM

JH

“ *Judy And Denny Hickman lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Judy and Denny Hickman - January 11, 2024 at 10:46 AM

BE

“ *Bonnie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Bonnie Edwards - January 10, 2024 at 10:55 AM

LP

“ *Leah Plato lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



leah plato - January 09, 2024 at 04:54 PM



“ 174 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 09, 2024 at 03:01 PM

JF

“ *Joyce was the prettiest and most popular girl in the class of 1955. Kind and friendly to all as she continued to be rest of her life. She will be missed. Love and prayers go to her family. Jean Adelle Blackiston Foreman*

Jean A. Foreman - January 08, 2024 at 07:19 PM

RK

“ *Joyce was an icon in Rock Hall. She definitely loved her family, her town and all the children who looked up to her in the neighborhood. She was a true "Rock Haller". Joyce loved all there was to love in Rock Hall and will be missed by many. Her family is a true testament to her love and kindness to everyone. Rita and Eddie Kulley.*

Rita Kulley - January 08, 2024 at 06:59 PM

AG

“ Prayers and condolences to the Gagalski family, extended family and friends. I know that you will cherish so many great memories of Mrs. Gagalski, my heart is with you during this most trying time.

Arthur Godfrey - January 08, 2024 at 06:45 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joyce Anita Gagalski.



January 08, 2024 at 06:36 PM

DN

“ Dickie And Bev Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski



Dickie and Bev Nickerson - January 08, 2024 at 06:13 PM

FL

“ Frankie And Cathy Legg lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski



Frankie and Cathy Legg - January 08, 2024 at 05:58 PM

DN

“ *Debbie And Bob Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Debbie and Bob Nickerson - January 08, 2024 at 02:45 PM

DN

Our thoughts and prayers are with Gagalski family.

Debbie and Bob Nickerson - January 08, 2024 at 02:52 PM

SC

“ *Shelley R Clothier lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Shelley R Clothier - January 08, 2024 at 12:25 PM

MR

“ *Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Max & Maryann Ruehrmund - January 08, 2024 at 10:41 AM

TB

“ *Tracy Burris lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Tracy Burris - January 08, 2024 at 09:52 AM

TT

“ *Tonya Thomas lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Tonya Thomas - January 08, 2024 at 09:21 AM

DP

“ *Donald and Jeanette Price*



donald price - January 07, 2024 at 11:23 PM

CF

“ *Connie Fithian lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Connie Fithian - January 07, 2024 at 09:28 PM

BM

“ *Bob And Jessie Merritt lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Bob and Jessie Merritt - January 07, 2024 at 07:48 PM

FE

“ *Condolences to the family. Ms Joyce made my wedding cake many years ago. She was a very sweet lady.*



Faye Evans - January 07, 2024 at 07:36 PM



“ *Cheryl Osborn Reihl lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Cheryl Osborn Reihl - January 07, 2024 at 05:52 PM



“ *Cheryl Osborn Reihl sent a virtual gift in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Cheryl Osborn Reihl - January 07, 2024 at 05:49 PM

CC

“ Carol Callaway lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski



Carol Callaway - January 07, 2024 at 03:37 PM

DV

“ So very sorry Kristi and family. Miss Joyce was so sweet.



Debe Voshell - January 07, 2024 at 12:16 PM

CH

“ Chip Heaps lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski



Chip Heaps - January 07, 2024 at 12:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce Anita Gagalski.



January 07, 2024 at 12:02 PM

GC

“ *Ginger Camp lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Ginger Camp - January 06, 2024 at 11:03 PM

ML

“ *Melissa Lenzi lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Melissa Lenzi - January 06, 2024 at 10:33 PM

BG

“ *To all of Mrs. Joyce’s family....I am so sorry for your loss.I just loved your mom. She made cakes for me for years. But she was just a very sweet person to talk to. May your family find some sense of comfort and peace in these trying days ahead.I am where you are personally,with the loss of my mom on the same day.praying for all of you....with love Betty Ann Glenn*



Bettyann glenn - January 06, 2024 at 10:27 PM

GC

“ Grace Crockett lit a candle in memory of
Joyce Anita Gagalski



Grace Crockett - January 06, 2024 at 09:48 PM

SF

“ Shirley Foster lit a candle in memory of Joyce
Anita Gagalski



shirley Foster - January 06, 2024 at 09:46 PM

JE

“ Jim And Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in
memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - January 06, 2024 at 09:12 PM

JE

Joyce was such a lovely and talented lady. We are so sorry for your loss. Sincere condolences to all the family and God Bless You, Jim and Mary Ann Edwards

Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - January 06, 2024 at 09:20 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Dalymple lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Debbie Dalymple - January 06, 2024 at 06:43 PM

TM

“ *Tommy & Pam Marvel lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Tommy & Pam Marvel - January 06, 2024 at 06:09 PM

KB

“ *Kaye Barnes lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Kaye Barnes - January 06, 2024 at 05:23 PM

TE

“ *The Family Of John Daniel Edwrds lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



The Family of John Daniel Edwrds - January 06, 2024 at 02:44 PM

CM

“ *Cissy McGinnes lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



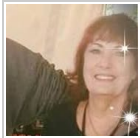
Cissy McGinnes - January 06, 2024 at 01:16 PM

JK

“ *Jimmy & Carrie Kirby lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Jimmy & Carrie Kirby - January 06, 2024 at 01:06 PM



“ *Elsye Porter sent a virtual gift in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Elsye Porter - January 06, 2024 at 01:03 PM

RT

“ *Such a wonderful lady . Sending my deepest condolences to the family*



Roni Lynn Thomas - January 06, 2024 at 12:51 PM

PT

“ *Paul and Dorothy Tolson*



Paul and Dorothy Tolson - January 06, 2024 at 11:32 AM

LB

“ *Larry Beck lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Larry Beck - January 06, 2024 at 11:24 AM

JS

“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Jeanette Stubbs - January 06, 2024 at 08:55 AM

BN

“ *Ms Joyce was such a beautiful woman inside and out. She always had a smile on her face. She will be missed by so many. Sending prayers, love, and hugs to all of the family. Love, Brent and Terry.*



Brent and Terry Nelson - January 06, 2024 at 08:46 AM

FD

“ Frankie & Jane Dill sent a virtual gift in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski



Frankie & Jane Dill - January 06, 2024 at 08:45 AM

FR

So sorry to learn of Ms. Joyce's passing. She was a super nice lady and will surely be missed. Thoughts and prayers to the family at this sad time.

Frankie - January 06, 2024 at 08:55 AM

GS

“ George Short lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski



George Short - January 06, 2024 at 08:42 AM

WK

“ W. Kevin & Ella L. Kerr lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski



W. Kevin & Ella L. Kerr - January 06, 2024 at 06:28 AM

JL

“ *John M Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



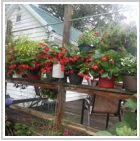
John M Larrimore - January 06, 2024 at 06:16 AM

JH

“ *Joan Hatcherson lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Joan Hatcherson - January 06, 2024 at 05:45 AM



“ *Sherrie Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Sherrie Jacobs - January 06, 2024 at 04:02 AM

TL

“ *Tina Pinder Lusby lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Tina Pinder Lusby - January 05, 2024 at 10:22 PM

NH

“ Nancy Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski



Nancy Hubbard - January 05, 2024 at 08:54 PM

MP

“ Mary & Jimmy Price purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Joyce Anita Gagalski.



Mary & Jimmy Price - January 05, 2024 at 08:53 PM

MP

“ Mary & Jimmy Price planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Anita Gagalski.

Mary & Jimmy Price - January 05, 2024 at 08:53 PM

AD

“ Prayers for Mrs. Joyce's family! She was such a wonderful and talented woman and will be truly missed!

Amy Dolgos - January 05, 2024 at 08:40 PM

PS

“ Patricia Sutton lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski



Patricia Sutton - January 05, 2024 at 08:39 PM

PS

Joyce may you rest in eternal peace. Prayers to the entire Gagalski family.

Patricia Sutton - January 05, 2024 at 08:41 PM

SH

“ Shawn lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski



shawn - January 05, 2024 at 08:35 PM

LD

“ Liz And Marty Davidson lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski



Liz and Marty Davidson - January 05, 2024 at 08:33 PM

CN

“ Chris & Vivian Nordhoff lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski



Chris & Vivian Nordhoff - January 05, 2024 at 08:17 PM

BM

“ Bob And Jessie Merritt lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski



Bob and Jessie Merritt - January 05, 2024 at 08:16 PM

MU

“ Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski



Marie Usilton - January 05, 2024 at 08:15 PM

MF

“ Marilyn Ford lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski



Marilyn Ford - January 05, 2024 at 08:04 PM

SM

“*Kristy and family, I recently found out your Mom was sick, so very sorry for your loss of this great lady. Joyce sewed for me for many years and I thought the world of her. She will be missed by so many for her kindness.*



Sandy H McClary - January 05, 2024 at 07:30 PM

RM

“*She was loving mother to all of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. A great seamstress, cook and baker.(my family loved her rolls) and she made the perfect wedding cakes! She always had a beautiful smile with her dimples and I can hear her quiet laugh.She treated me like I was one of her own. She will surely be missed. Prayers and love to her family*



Robin Merchant - January 05, 2024 at 06:48 PM

MM

“*God Bless Ms. Joyce. She was a wonderful lady and served our community in the Treasurers office for many years with professional, courteous, and excellent care of the public. She was a good friend and co-worker in the Courthouse. She will be missed be many. My condolences and love go out to her family.*



Mark Mumford - January 05, 2024 at 06:43 PM

CE

“ *Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Joyce Anita Gagalski*



Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards - January 05, 2024 at 06:15 PM