



Margaret "Marge" Athey

March 4, 1923 - July 7, 2014

Margaret "Marge" McCorkel Athey, of Chestertown, MD, died July 7, 2014, in Rock of Ages Assisted Living in Rock Hall, MD.

Born in Philadelphia, PA, on March 4, 1923, she was the daughter of the late Robert Ayers Sheppard and Gertrude Brown Sheppard. She graduated from Swarthmore High School in 1941, attended Beaver College, and earned a Bachelor's of Science from Westchester State Teachers College in 1944. Marge was a very enthusiastic lacrosse and hockey player and continued hockey until 1957, when she was named to the Mid-East field hockey first team.

In 1945 she married Harold "Mack" McCorkel and was a homemaker. Most of their years were spent in Lancaster, PA, where she enjoyed golf, tennis, bridge, needlework, reading, and volunteering. She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church, Media Heights Golf & CC, and Lancaster Golf & CC.

In 1985, she and Mack retired to Chestertown, MD, and enjoyed golfing at Chester River Yacht & CC, playing tennis, and was a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

After Mack's death in 1992, Marge married Edward L. Athey, and they enjoyed spending time with family, playing golf and tennis, and attending many sporting events.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Mack; her brother, Bob Sheppard; her son-in-law, Edward M. Athey; and her second husband, Edward L. Athey.

She is survived by her daughter, Catherine L. Athey of Chestertown, MD; her son Donald "Jake" McCorkel and wife Laura of Tucson, AZ; and stepchildren, Ron Athey (Julie) and Patty Grieb (Patrick) of Chestertown; grandchildren, Carolyn Athey Harms (Kevin), Lisa Athey Clarke (J. B.), Joel McCorkel and Mia McCorkel; step-grandchildren Charlie Athey, Eddie Athey, Tricia Athey, Marcia Grieb Fellows (Jon), Andy Grieb; and nine great-grandchildren, plus nieces and nephews.

Service and interment will be private.

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall

MM

“ I was just remembering Marge McCorkel, and I did an online search. The McCorkels were our neighbors in Lancaster in the early 1960s. My father was Frank McConnell, the organist at St. James Church, where the obituary says she was a member. Marge baby-sat for me a few times when my father was in a car accident.

Mark McConnell - June 11, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ Margaret "Marge" Athey

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Margaret "Marge" Athey

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Margaret "Marge" Athey

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

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“ Marge was occasionally out in her yard , working on it when we would take our walks around the neighborhood. We will miss her friendly conversation and bright smile . Her neighbors, Barry & Cathi Candler



Barry & Cathi Candler - August 23, 2021 at 05:56 PM

SL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. The death of a loved one is the most difficult thing we deal with. I wanted to take this time to express my condolences to you for your loss. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's word the Bible. (Psalms 83:18) The Bible promises: "there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous." (Acts 24:15) Jehovah God assures us that our dear loved ones will receive a resurrection to a restored beautiful paradise earth. The Bible also promises: "And the last enemy, death, is to be brought to nothing." (1Corinthians 15:26) Death will be removed from all the earth. Tears of sorrow will vanish. (Revelation 21:4) No one will die from natural causes or weep. These are promises that will soon be a reality. The Bible plainly states: "It is impossible for God to lie." (Hebrews 6:18) May you find comfort from these promises. And may Jehovah God of all comfort be with you. (2Corinthians 1:3,4)

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sherries lee - July 09, 2014 at 08:16 AM

LW

“ Linda Wachowiz lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Marge" Athey



linda wachowiz - July 08, 2014 at 06:14 PM

DS

“ Dave And Donell Smith lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Marge" Athey



Dave and Donell Smith - July 08, 2014 at 05:50 PM

MR

“ Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Marge" Athey



Max & Maryann Ruehrmund - July 08, 2014 at 04:18 PM