



Margaret G. "Marge" Morris

April 13, 1929 - November 23, 2015

Margaret G. Marge Morris of Church Hill, MD, died on Monday, November 23, 2015, at her home. She was 86.

Born on April 13, 1929, in Fairlee, MD, she was the daughter of the late George William and Minnie Margaret Starr Grussing. She graduated from Chestertown High School, Class of 1946. She married on August 13, 1947, in Kennedyville, to Robert Leroy Morris of Chesterville. They made their home in Kent County.

Mrs. Morris raised her family along with many foster children. In 1961, she and her husband started the Christian Bookstore on High Street in Chestertown, where she was known for her sewing abilities and helping the needy. She loved "her people" stopping by, for visiting and conversation. Her humanitarian efforts for over 45 years were noticed when the town of Chestertown awarded her the Edna Ross Award at the 2015 Tea Party. Mrs. Morris also received awards from the Seventh Day Adventist Church and was recognized by the Mayor of Chestertown. She was well-known and well-loved by many. She taught Christian values to many college students and taught bible study and Sunday School. Mrs. Morris and her husband loved children and animals.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by five children, Sharon Acker,

Dennis Morris, Donna Morris, Deena Randall, and Robin Morris; four grandchildren, Jeremy Morris, Molly Hodder, Ryan Randall, and Nathaniel Morris; and seven great-grandchildren, Maeve Randall, Rose Randall, Brynn Randall, Jack Hodder, Caitlyn Morris, Addison Morris, and Elliot Morris.

Services will be held on Friday, November 27, 2015, at 12 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown, MD, where relatives and friends may call one hour prior (11 a.m.-12 p.m.).

Interment will be in Crumpton Cemetery following the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to The Samaritan Group Homeless Shelter, c/o First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 227, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Cemetery Details

Crumpton Cemetery

Crumpton, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
(410) 778-0055
info@fhnfuneralhome.com

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret G. "Marge" Morris*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 25, 2015 at 07:11 AM



“ *Margaret G. "Marge" Morris*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Margaret G. "Marge" Morris*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I thank the Lord for your faithful ministry to Chestertown. My son's cherished Bible came from your store.
See you again someday.*

Pamela Cowart-Rickman - December 03, 2015 at 12:18 PM

JF

“ *Jeremy Morris & Family lit a candle in memory of Margaret G. "Marge" Morris*



Jeremy Morris & Family - November 25, 2015 at 07:22 PM

BC

“ *Perfect picture for Mrs Morris Obit. Always happy working on her sewing machine and sharing God's message of love.*

Betty Carroll

Betty Carroll - November 25, 2015 at 02:27 PM

SQ

“ *Sara & David Quinn lit a candle in memory of Margaret G. "Marge" Morris*



Sara & David Quinn - November 25, 2015 at 02:14 PM

BB

“ *Beverly Brown lit a candle in memory of Margaret G. "Marge" Morris*



Beverly Brown - November 25, 2015 at 12:35 PM

T(

“ I remember always going to visit her at the bookstore as well as going to see the bunnies with her and Mr Bob. My thoughts and prayers for each of you.

Tonya Crago (strong(- November 25, 2015 at 10:10 AM

WB

“ Wendy Bowers lit a candle in memory of Margaret G. "Marge" Morris



Wendy Bowers - November 25, 2015 at 08:38 AM



“ 4 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 25, 2015 at 08:35 AM



“ Shirley Shaffer McPeek lit a candle in memory of Margaret G. "Marge" Morris



Shirley Shaffer McPeek - November 25, 2015 at 07:40 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret G. "Marge" Morris.



November 25, 2015 at 07:17 AM



“ 42 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 25, 2015 at 06:59 AM

BC

“ Miss Margaret is a wonderful example of being the reflection of the light of Christ. She surrendered her will to the Spirit of God in most everything she said and did. Sadly, our journey back home to Jesus must continue without her. She's already home. God bless you Mr. Bob.

Bill & Kathy Carroll - November 25, 2015 at 05:55 AM

SL

“ Ms. Margaret sewed every bathing suit I ever bought. What a dear Christian lady she was. She will be Missed. Sally Lane

sally lane - November 25, 2015 at 05:18 AM

KS

“ Mrs. Margaret was a welcoming light to so many people! She was always helping anyone in any way she could. She was such a good woman - a living testimony to our Lord and Savior. She truly embodied Christ's commandment to "love thy neighbor." I cannot say enough good about this warm, lovely woman who made so many lives better in so, so many ways. I will always remember her and her kind heart... I just loved her! Many will surely miss this special woman. Mr. Bob, my heart goes out to you at this difficult time. I pray God will give you and each family member the peace only He can give to comfort you at this time of loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. There is no doubt she is rejoicing as she is peacefully at home; and praise God, we will see her again.

Kathy Simmons - November 24, 2015 at 11:49 PM

DH

“ Debra Hartlove lit a candle in memory of Margaret G. "Marge" Morris



Debra Hartlove - November 24, 2015 at 09:55 PM

OG

“ Orgirina Graves lit a candle in memory of Margaret G. "Marge" Morris



orgirina graves - November 24, 2015 at 09:54 PM

SW

“ We were just talking together in September about MomMom Grussing's 98th birthday. We hadn't seen each other since I was a child but you remembered me and we shared stories about your parents and my grandparents John and Mildred Grussing and my great grandparents. We talked for quite a while. I'm thankful that we got to reconnect even if it was only for a short time since we promised to keep in touch. You r with so many family members who have gone ahead to God's Mansion in the Heavens. God Bless and keep you!

Shirley Manning WorriLOW - November 24, 2015 at 09:25 PM

PB

“ Pam Boulden lit a candle in memory of Margaret G. "Marge" Morris



Pam Boulden - November 24, 2015 at 09:13 PM

PB

“ You were God's Angel on Earth ! Given all you had too soooo many people . Mrs.Margaret Rest in Peace. " I will always remember you " Mr.Bob your in my Prayers.

Pam Boulden - November 24, 2015 at 09:13 PM

GA

“ Glenn, Cricket, Quinn & Andrew purchased the E nchanted Cottage for the family of Margaret G. "Marge" Morris.



Glenn, Cricket, Quinn & Andrew - November 24, 2015 at 08:53 PM

“ The Edna Ross Award is given annually to a local business person for outstanding service to the community. The award was created by Chestertown Tea Party Festival organizers in 2011 to honor Mrs Ross posthumously for her many unsung contributions that made this a remarkable place to live. For 2015, the truly deserving recipient is Mrs. Margaret Morris, along with her husband, Mr Robert Morris.

For 46 years they ran the Christian Bookstore on High Street. Stop and think about that for a minute. For nearly five decades, the little bookstore supplied churches and folks in need of spiritual aid long before and after the internet and amazon made her style of business obsolete. Margaret was the owner of the shop, that she took over from her mother, while Bob was a farmer for most of his professional life.

What many folks don't know is that before she had the store, Mrs. Margaret worked on High Street for years long before that, starting out at a grocer, then working at a Greek diner as a teenager with Miss Anna Cole. For seven decades she worked on High Street. Seeing it change from bustling center of commerce in the 60's & 70's , through the late 90's when fire scorched downtown and its heart moved to the plazas, thru just last summer, as downtown is finally emerging into a rebirth.

In addition to providing for church needs, Mrs Margaret was mostly known for her sewing. She also did quite a bit of her sewing for free, donating her time to fix the uniforms of members of the fire department, rescue squad and the like. When her shop was about to close, I made sure to take the pants for my wedding suit in and asked her to hem them, just so that I would carry something from them with me always, and I am wearing them today.

Their business was much more than just a storefront, though. Head to the back of the store, and the Morrises' true spirit was revealed. There, in a little back room, they made available an endless supply of items for the needy, all donated by the community. Beginning with

toys for little ones, then sometimes it was fresh baked bread and groceries that were dropped off to be given away, but most frequently it was clothes. They gave away any items that could be of use to anyone.

That love is reciprocal — anyone who has had the pleasure to know the Morrises is quick to sing their praises. Florence Sutton, Margaret's cousin, who also happens to be Edna Ross' sister, said, "I am so happy that they are honoring Margaret and Bob — they did so much through their store downtown. They gave many, many things to others that no one ever heard about because they did not want any thanks for them. Whether it was clothing, Bibles, supplies or just advice on what was best in the line of sewing and crafts for Bible school, they always pitched in with advice or supplies.

Through it all, she kept coming in, simply because it was her calling to serve her community with the gifts she had been given. Given her druthers, I believe Mrs Margaret would still be at the sewing machine, ready to help with a stitch as much as Mr Bob would like to tell stories and good jokes to anyone who might come by for a visit.

People like the Morrises are the reason that we created this award, to remember the long and stalwart members of the downtown business community that support the town., not just with their business, but through their hearts and giving the town its soul. ... Her mending wasn't limited to just clothes, she was a welcome counselor and friend to many folks that just needed someone to listen and be kind.

The Morrises' reputation is just that, synonymous with kindness — and there is no greater service they or any of us can provide. It was my great honor to present award for lifelong community service to two people I have I have known and have known me my entire life and am a better man for it.

....From Oscar & Sarah's grandson that you helped love this town, thank you, thank you, thank you.

HH

“ Going To Miss You Mrs Marge. Tell My Dad I Miss Him A lot



Heather Hartlove- Harris - November 24, 2015 at 07:50 PM

DW

“ David & Bonnie Wilson lit a candle in memory of Margaret G. "Marge" Morris



David & Bonnie Wilson - November 24, 2015 at 07:41 PM

SR

“ Sara Reny lit a candle in memory of Margaret G. "Marge" Morris



Sara Reny - November 24, 2015 at 07:21 PM

JB

“ We are so sorry, Mrs Morris was a wonderful lady, a true Christian who helped so many people. She was a wonderful seamstress who could work magic with her sewing machine. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.
Joyce & Wayne Bradley



Joyce Bradley - November 24, 2015 at 07:13 PM



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Cricket Williams - November 24, 2015 at 06:55 PM

GW

“ Glenn And Cricket Williams lit a candle in memory of Margaret G. "Marge" Morris



Glenn and Cricket Williams - November 24, 2015 at 06:17 PM

TJ

“ Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of Margaret G. "Marge" Morris



Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - November 24, 2015 at 04:05 PM

MD

“ Matthew & Roxanne Dean lit a candle in memory of Margaret G. "Marge" Morris



Matthew & Roxanne Dean - November 24, 2015 at 02:12 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Margaret G. "Marge" Morris.



November 24, 2015 at 12:58 PM

GR

“ Gretchen lit a candle in memory of Margaret G. "Marge" Morris



Gretchen - November 24, 2015 at 11:54 AM

GR

I really enjoyed sharing the milestones with Miss Margaret. She was a wonderful lady who will be watching over all of us. She was always excited to hear what my girls were up to and where they were off to next. Rest Peacefully Miss Margaret <3

Gretchen - November 24, 2015 at 12:00 PM

MD

Sorry to hear of Margaret's passing. She was a grand lady that did so many wonderful things for many people that she touched through out her life. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. Love and prayers, Frank and Mariann Dulin

Mariann Dulin - December 01, 2015 at 07:56 AM