



Martha J. McGough

December 24, 1931 - November 28, 2011

Martha J. McGough, 79, longtime Moses Lake resident passed away Monday, Nov. 28, 2011 at LakeRidge Care Center. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m., Friday, Dec. 2, 2011 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 200 N. Dale Rd. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory. Martha was born on Dec. 24, 1931 in Pomeroy, Washington to Oscar and Ida Mae Burns. She was the sixth of nine children raised on the farm. She attended school in both Pomeroy and Pullman, graduating from Pomeroy High School in 1950. Martha then went to Washington State University and received her bachelor's degree in home economics in 1954. She was a lifelong member of the Chi Omega Sorority and held many college friendships dear.

After graduation she taught school in Ritzville and Odessa, WA. She met her husband, Francis P. (Frank) McGough in Ritzville. They had six children. In 1966 they moved to Moses Lake where they continued to reside. Martha moved to LakeRidge Care Center in 2007.

Martha was best known as a longtime substitute teacher in the Moses Lake School District for 30 years. She also taught English for several years for the Japanese Agricultural Trainees Program.

She was a member of the Friends of the Library, Women's Club, Columbia Basin Allied Arts and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church. She volunteered multiple years as a Food and 4-H judge at the Grant County Fair.

Martha is survived by six children, Shannon Hawthorne, Dorothy (Dennis) Tiede, Mike (Lynn) McGough, Mary McGough, George McGough and Megan (Mark) Cormier; 10 grandchildren, Lloyd and Patrick Johnson, Nathan and Evan Hawthorne, John and Molly McGough, Katlin and Adam Cormier, Todd and Jillian McGough; one sister, Florence (Paul) Fitzsimmons; and numerous other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank, and siblings, Lucian, Duane, Barbara, David, Ruth and Rosemary.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 2. 10:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
200 N. Dale Road
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *Martha was a dear friend in high school, always eager to see the happy side of everything. When I returned to the Northwester after living most of my life in New England, I was sorry to learn that her memory had wandered. I'll always treasure memories of her jolly spirit.* *###imported-begin###Caroline Houser###imported-end##*

December 14, 2011 at 12:51 AM



“ *I remember Mrs. McGough as a substitute teacher when I attended secondary school in Moses Lake during the late 60's and early 70's. She was a very good teacher and made things go forward without a hitch during the absence of our regular teacher. Was a pleasure to have known her and to have had her in my classrooms.* *###imported-begin###Loren Nichols###imported-end##*

December 09, 2011 at 03:07 PM



“ HI McGough Family,
Iver and I are both saddened by your loss of Martha, and the world is not such a bright place, without her star shining! What a lady I remember from my high school days:) She was a character, that is for sure. If we had a sub in class, and walked into to find Martha, we always knew she would be funny, and was always so kind to everyone. It always amazed me how she remembered us all, even if it was not a name, it was what we did, or some little thing about us. We were always welcome at "George's" house, and she always tried to feed us! I also enjoyed working with her in her later years, when she would contact me and bring me the Womens Club Scholarship Information. I never could figure out why, she always brought them to me instead of the counseling office. but I was glad she did, as then I got to see and visit with her:). Our thoughts and prayers are with you, and we know it has been a difficult time, as her memory began to fade. However we will always remember her as she was, a vibrant, friendly person, who loved people, cared for others, and could always bring a smile to our faces.Iver will be at the funeral, but I cannot get away from school today, as I had to be gone yesterday for meetings, and we have Sr. Project stuff to do. I know that Martha would understand, and would cover my classes if she could!! I will be there with you in spirit. George, Megen, and Kaitlynn...my special McGoughs....hugs to you from me, God Bless and love to you all.
Laurie and Iver Odegaard##imported-begin##Laurie Odegaard##imported-end##

December 02, 2011 at 09:28 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family
Dorothy.##imported-begin##Ed & Selma Pentzer##imported-end##

December 02, 2011 at 08:43 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire McGough family during this difficult time. Martha was always so fun to be around and we all have great memories of our families spending time on the lake together. She will be missed by all of us but especially my mom who was very close to Martha for many many years. God Bless all of you.##imported-begin##The Adair Family##imported-end##

December 02, 2011 at 12:34 AM



“ My heart goes out to each and everyone of you. Martha was the best. I'll never forget what a loving grandmother she was to all of our kids. I especially remember her excitement when Jillian was born. She left her wallet at the gas station on her way out town and Frank had to retrieve it! She always made the time and had the patience to give each and every one of her grandchildren. Keep those memories close to your heart. Love, Janet##imported-begin##Janet McGough##imported-end##

December 01, 2011 at 09:01 PM



“ The thoughts and prayers of the Treacy family are with you all. May God bless and keep you and comfort you at this time. Rejoice in the knowledge that you will all be together again.

Betty Treacy##imported-begin##Betty Treacy##imported-end##

December 01, 2011 at 08:16 PM



“ Barbara Osborne told me last night of the loss of Martha. I am one of the cousins (parents: Bob and Gene Witt) and remember Martha so well from many years ago. She was a delightful person whom I am very grateful to have had the privilege of knowing. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.###imported-begin###Robin King###imported-end###

December 01, 2011 at 10:00 AM



“ I remember a fun party at the McGough family home in Moses Lake back in the '70's. Mrs. McGough -- as she will always be to me -- made all of us kids feel like part of the family. And the McGoughs are a great family. Shannon, my dear, dear friend...and all of you...are in my prayers. "Mrs. McGough" was a wonderful mom!###imported-begin###Nancy Marentette-Grigsby###imported-end###

November 30, 2011 at 02:17 PM



“ I will always remember Aunt Martha with her "Martha face," especially at Thanksgiving. It makes me smile to know that she is now in heaven with my Mom (Rosemary), one of her sisters. They can now eat fudge together again. Aunt Martha loved her family a lot. She was so generous in giving of herself to others and helped out her family when in need. My thoughts and prayers are with all of my cousins and their families.
Love,
Wendy Hanes###imported-begin###Wendy Hanes###imported-end###

November 30, 2011 at 01:04 AM



“ Wow, the memories have been overflowing since I heard. Your Mom (my Aunt) was a wonderful lady with a huge heart! She was always there for her family. A Thanksgiving doesn't go by without memories of you all. I know your precious memories will help comfort you all through this difficult time. God bless you and I hope to see you Friday.##imported-begin##Lesley Wigen##imported-end##

November 29, 2011 at 11:50 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you...it has been a long struggle but Aunt Martha must be so proud of all her kids and their support.

See you Friday at the service.

John & Elaine##imported-begin##John & Elaine Burns##imported-end##

November 29, 2011 at 07:12 PM



“ Please know my thought and prayer are with the family in this time of your loss. I remember having Martha as teacher##imported-begin##Jackie Yurian##imported-end##

November 29, 2011 at 06:06 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers go out to the McGough family. Although I did not know Martha, I am a good friend of her daughter Mary. Mary has been a devoted daughter and has always thought very highly of her mother and her late father. I know this is an extremely difficult time for and her family. God bless.##imported-begin##Jennifer Sanchez##imported-end##

November 29, 2011 at 12:31 PM