



Joan (McDonnell) Rorabaugh

June 5, 2026

Joan (McDonnell) Rorabaugh, 98, died June 5, 2026, at Concordia of Monroeville. Born in Dublin, Ireland, on March 10, 1928, she was a daughter of William and Margaret (Higgonson) McDonnell.

Brought to America as an infant, Joan grew up in Pittsburgh, along with her younger sister, Eileen. She never lost her love for Ireland, though, and never missed a St. Patrick's Day Parade. This record included 1993, when, in a blizzard, she arrived home to Monroeville from downtown Pittsburgh on foot, having been forced to abandon the car.

In 1955, Joan married William Rorabaugh, who preceded her in death in 2008. Together, they raised two daughters, Linda Rorabaugh, Monroeville, and Lisa (Rorabaugh) Kroh, Export. Joan was also the grandmother of Brett Kroh and Megan Kroh, both of Murrysville. Several nephews also survive. In addition to her husband, Joan was preceded in death by her sister, Eileen (McDonnell) Grubbs, in 2025.

Joan served for over five decades as a Registered Nurse at Allegheny General Hospital and other healthcare institutions. She and her husband traveled twice across the country by bicycle, sleeping in churches and camping. They also enjoyed traveling internationally, as well as skiing and other sports.

All services are private. Arrangements entrusted to the GENE H. CORL
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