



## 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  
FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-  
2100).

# Tribute Wall



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Joan (McDonnell) Rorabaugh.



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“ with deepest sympathy to Linda and family in the passing of your mom....after all these years i felt as though i knew your mom even though i never met her.....i loved listening to Linda talk about your mom....I know she will be missed but thank God you will see her again...Many prayers are with you for our Lord, Jesus, to surround you with his Peace and Comfort during this most difficult time !!!!

karen godino - June 10 at 04:42 PM



“ I met Joan at Grace Baptist Church in Monroeville ,PA, and she was my oldest friend ❤️ she would come in church and poke me with her cane to let me now that she was in the house 😊. I admired her because her and my mom were around the same age with some spice,she told me that she was a nurse at AGH when I told her my live in the area,and her picture was posted in the archives of the hospital so I saught it out and was so excited to share with my family ❤️ will miss her dearly.

Anna Dowdy - June 08 at 05:24 PM