



Marjorie Kay Downs

April 13, 2020

Marjorie Kay Downs, 89, was called home to be with the Lord on Monday, April 13, 2020, at Forbes Hospital, near her home in Monroeville, Pa. She was born October 15, 1930, in Youngwood, PA, the only child of Lester and Helen (Connor) Momeyer of Youngwood. She was the devoted wife of Robert Downs and loving mother of 5 children, 5 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter. She was married for almost 68 years to Bob, son of Alexander and Marie (Miller) Downs of Latrobe Pa. Margie's favorite times were spent with her family. She was the loving mother of Rebecca (Downs) Dolinsky of Harrison City, PA; David (Susan Knoedl) Downs of Harrison City, PA; Kathleen Downs of Annapolis, MD; Daniel Downs of Trafford, PA; and the late Sean Downs of Manor, PA. She was the proud grandmother of Lisa (Blaine) Raling, Sara (Jamie) Rosensteel, Danika Dolinsky, Angelina Downs, and Brian (Becca) Downs. Margie was great-grandmother of Tyler Raling, Hannah Raling and Kinsley Downs; and great-great-grandmother of Sophia Raling. She was kind, compassionate, talkative, and friendly with everyone she met. She was a dedicated volunteer, with over 2,600 hours at Forbes Hospital in Monroeville, where she was proud to wear her pink smock and recognition pins for her years of service. She also generously volunteered her time with March of Dimes, MS Society, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and North American Martyrs Church. She was a talented artist, and later in life, created many oil and acrylic paintings which were proudly displayed in her home. Margie was an avid fan of the Steelers,

Penguins and Pirates, enjoying games on TV surrounded by her family and waving her terrible towel. She loved puzzles of all kinds – crossword, word jumble, picture puzzles – and it was not uncommon to involve others by asking, “What is a three-letter word for...?” and she worked each puzzle until she completed it. She enjoyed flying with Bob in their Piper airplane to visit family and to explore new places as far away as Florida. She loved her gardens and the birds who flocked to the birdfeeder outside her kitchen window after Bob put out seeds and bread every morning. She enjoyed watching the deer families traverse the hillside behind her house.

She was an exceptionally strong woman and over many years, she battled and bounced back from breast cancer, diabetes, infections, a bad fall, and heart disease. She had wonderful doctors and nurses who genuinely cared for her, and her family is grateful to the exceptional care they all provided. Her family was sad to lose her on Monday, April 13, 2020 after her brave and optimistic struggle with heart and pulmonary disease. Margie was a loving and warm woman who was loved by everyone who knew her. There will be no public visitation. Her final resting place will be with her family at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in Latrobe, PA. A memorial mass will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

CD

“ *Marjorie must have been a wonderful mother to have raised her daughter, Kathy, one of the most compassionate and caring persons I am honored to call my friend.*

Please extend my condolences to your entire family in this time of sorrow. May you rest in peace, Marjorie.

With appreciation for a life that seemed devoted to the goodwill of others,

*Carol Downs
Virginia*

Carol Downs - April 25, 2020 at 01:16 PM

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Kathy Downs - April 21, 2020 at 05:16 PM

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Kathy Downs - April 21, 2020 at 05:14 PM

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Kathy Downs - April 20, 2020 at 02:14 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Marjorie K. Downs



Kathy Downs - April 19, 2020 at 12:40 PM



So sorry to hear about your mom.

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BS

“ *Becky, Danika and Family we are so sorry to hear of your loss.*

Barb and Dan Swackhammer

Barb Swackhammer - April 19, 2020 at 04:17 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Memories*

Album <https://storage.lifetributes.com/Tributes/5786724/GuestBook/15a60aa4-4f0f-b4f7-dae>



Kathy Downs - April 18, 2020 at 07:03 PM

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Mom and Dad on an early date. They were 20 years old.

Kathy Downs - April 19, 2020 at 12:03 PM

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Kathy Downs - April 18, 2020 at 06:50 PM

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Tribute to almost 68 years of marriage. Mom the artist, Dad the pilot.

Kathy Downs - April 19, 2020 at 12:05 PM

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Kathy Downs - April 18, 2020 at 06:48 PM

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Mom was always talented with painting and drawing. Later in life, she took classes at the community college and the house is filled with her paintings. This is one of our favorites. She painted many images from the post cards she received from family members who traveled around the globe.

Kathy Downs - April 19, 2020 at 12:07 PM

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Kathy Downs - April 18, 2020 at 06:46 PM

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Mom is at peace with the Lord and is with many relatives in the Downs and Miller families at St. Mary's Cemetery in Latrobe, PA., This tranquil setting has beautiful views of Chestnut Ridge, the first western ridge of the Appalachian Mountains.

Kathy Downs - April 19, 2020 at 12:14 PM

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Kathy Downs - April 18, 2020 at 06:45 PM

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Easter 2020 Still Life. We delivered this Easter lily and gifts to the hospital for Mom. The glass egg was a family treasure, hand painted with birds and flowers by Mom's father, and it adorned every Easter dinner table for generations. In this very trying time of the COVID-19 virus, the peeps were unruly and refused to honor social distancing, but at least they wore their face masks.

Kathy Downs - April 19, 2020 at 12:21 PM

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“ Mom, you are and always will be a treasure in my life and will be sadly missed each day. You were always naturally curious, and always asked me about my travels. You were that rare person who actually loved to look at every single photo I took from all over the globe. I loved when you would call and tell me to turn on TV because there was a show about some place I had been and we would talk on the phone as we watched the show together from a distance. You were super excited one day when you called because you recognized a place where we once had dinner together--the Crab Claw Restaurant in St. Michaels, MD. You remembered every detail of that meal and our day exploring the town. For many years, I loved when you and Dad would fly down to see me for just for the day in dad's Piper airplane. You always loved seeing the large globe (a painted water tank) in Gaithersburg because that meant you were almost ready to land at Laurel airport. I'd pick you up and the three of us explored Baltimore, Washington, and Annapolis together. After I moved to Annapolis, you always asked about my sailboat and my sailing friends. You knew all of my friends -- the beach girls, my EYC and sailing friends, my friends from work -- by name (although you had never met them) and often asked me about them with your accurate remembrances of details about them. In recent years, I am so glad that we talked frequently, often when I was driving home from work. You always were very interested in my job and asked lots of smart questions to understand what I did for a living. I loved hearing your descriptions of the birds and deer in your backyard, about the shows you enjoyed on TV, remembrances of your family and long-ago friends, your trips to California, Florida, and Hawaii, where you and Dad went in the plane, and especially when you talked about our family. You loved your family, especially all the additions of new babies and you delighted in them as they grew -- 5 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild. You loved our family picnics in the back yard and our big family meals at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Every year, you and Dad would say it's just too much to do this year, and yet, somehow



none of us wanted to give up the tradition of having everyone together, often with 16 people gathered for a sit-down dinner with card tables added to extend the dining room table into the living room. No matter what, event until the end -- you dressed up every single day, picking out and wearing just the right jewelry to match the outfit -- necklace, earrings, rings -- and put on you your red lipstick. You loved when the twins (your hairdressers Judy and Trudy) came weekly to the house in recent years to style your hair. All of these recent memories, as well as an entire lifetime of memories, bring me joy even in this time of great sorrow. My solace is that you are with our Father in heaven with your Mom and Dad, your son Sean who passed just two years ago, and all of our other family who have passed into eternity. I shall always remember your big smile and laugh, your soft flawless skin (for which I thank you for mine), and your brilliantly blue eyes...I know that you are still with me each and every day. I love you.

Kathy Downs - April 18, 2020 at 02:17 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Marjorie Kay Downs.



April 15, 2020 at 03:08 PM

VP

“ Valerie P. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Marjorie Kay Downs.



Valerie P. - April 15, 2020 at 02:24 PM