



## Marilyn Anne Henry

March 22, 1942 - October 28, 2015

After a protracted battle with cancer, Marilyn A Henry died on October 28th, 2015 in Gainesville, Virginia at the age of 73.

She leaves behind her husband, Jake Henry; her daughters, Cheryl Gossman (Bill) and Denise Morrissey (Patrick); and her sons, Lawrence (Madhu) and Kevin Henry (Ethel) and her 10 grandchildren: Rachel, Mariah, Rebecca, Connor, Julia, Lawrence, Hunter, Elizabeth, Tejas and Dhylan.

Marilyn was born on March 22, 1942 in Altoona, PA, to Oscar and Helen Montgomery and grew up in a loving family with two sisters and one brother. Marilyn graduated from Altoona Catholic High School and married her high school sweet heart and the love of her life Jake Henry on Oct 22, 1960. Shortly after graduation, Jake joined the Air Force and Marilyn joined him on his many assignments across the United States and Puerto Rico.

Marilyn was a dedicated supporter of her family both as homemaker, military spouse, deaconate wife and executive assistant at the GWU School of Engineering. Marilyn had a passion for the activities of her grandchildren, people and musicals. When diagnosed with bladder cancer in 2014, she remained dedicated to her family and her role as primary care giver for her husband. Her will to fight her illness was resolute. She remained a brave, iron-willed lady, even throughout her final months.

Marilyn is survived by her husband and children, as well as her sisters, Jean Wirfel and Lois Bearer; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Joseph Montgomery.

A viewing will be held at Pierce Funeral Home from 7pm – 9pm on Friday Oct 30th. A funeral Mass will be held at Holy Trinity Church at 10:30am Saturday Oct 31st. Immediately following the Mass Marilyn will be buried at Fairfax Memorial Park. The family would like to thank the many who were involved in Marilyn's care during the past 2 years.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the American Bladder Cancer Society

<https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/ABLCS>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **30**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **31**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
8213 Linton Hall Road  
Gainesville, VA 20155  
<http://holytrinityparish.net/>

# Tribute Wall

NK

“ For the many years Marilyn was in The George Washington University, EECS Department, she became the heart and soul of the EECS Department. She was a friend to the students and the faculty and treated them with affection and kindness, particularly the students. I do not recall ever seeing Marilyn without a smile in her face even under the most chaotic circumstances and they were many. I will remember Marilyn as one of the kindest persons I have ever met. May she rest in peace. Nick Kyriakopoulos

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**Nicholas Kyriakopoulos** - January 08, 2016 at 04:05 PM

DS

“Marilyn was WONDERFUL person and boss. I worked as a temporary employee for about 8-9 months before being hired full time by GW. She always had a bright smile for everyone and was so generous with her time and dedicated to work. However her real love was her family. I got to know her children and a few of her grandchildren. They are all wonderful and that can only be because Marilyn did such a great job raising them. Her oldest daughter, Cheryl, and my cousin graduated in the same class in GW and he remembers both Marilyn and Cheryl fondly. Marilyn was the hardest working boss I ever had and was devoted to her family and job. She was always very helpful and encouraging whenever anyone needed her. I can never say enough positive words to express my gratitude for her being a part of my life. She cared about everybody she came in contact with. She was a strong and patient person, dealing with others with a smile every day no matter what. I never stopped missing her when she retired from GW. She will be greatly missed and my condolences to the Henry family on their great loss.” Debby Swanson

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**Debby Swanson** - November 03, 2015 at 12:47 PM

PB

“ *Very sad to have just found out about the passing of Marilyn from visiting with my father tonight. My deepest condolences to the Henry family. Your mother and father were our pre-marital councilors almost 26 years ago and I will always remember Marilyn's beautiful smile.*



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**Paul Best** - November 02, 2015 at 05:40 PM

SH

“ *To the entire Henry Family - One of the first people I met when I arrived at The George Washington University was Marilyn. She was welcoming, gracious and most of all supportive to a new (and then young) family member. She taught me the ropes. But, she guided everyone with the same support and love. She was, I know, most proud of her family - Jake and the children, then their spouses, then their children. We were all very fortunate to have known her and been guided by her.*

*Yours, Shelly Heller*

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**Shelly Heller** - November 02, 2015 at 02:37 PM

MH

“ *Sue & Doug Henry, please accept our thoughts & prayers of your loved one Marilyn Henry at this time. Love, Dwayne & Martha Hinton, Wilmore, Pa*

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**Martha Hinton** - November 01, 2015 at 04:53 PM

PS

“ *Our Heartfelt Condolences to the family and we pray for her soul to rest in peace.*

*Madhu's Perria Mami & family*

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**Pattabhiraman Srinivasan** - November 01, 2015 at 01:11 AM



“ *It was my joy and honor to work with Marilyn as a faculty member at George Washington University. Her calm and positive demeanor fostered a warm and welcoming place for students and faculty to come to get answers to questions or just to socialize for a moment. She had a smile for everyone who walked in the door, and she was a tremendous asset to the department chairs she served under. Her knowledge of GW systems and people across the campus made her the go-to person when any kind of assistance was needed. She was a role model of professionalism and graciousness. However, we always knew that her top priority was her family - her husband, children, grandchildren.*

*We missed her when she retired, and we will continue to miss her now with her passing. My thoughts and prayers are with her family now.*

*Dianne Martin*

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**Dianne Martin** - October 31, 2015 at 11:52 AM

CK

“ I had the pleasure and honor to work with Marilyn in the 90's at GW when I joined the EECS Department as a junior professor. For those of us who were relatively young and inexperienced, Marilyn was our mother away from home. She always watched out for us and she did so with professionalism and charm, and always with a friendly smile. We will remember her with fondness, respect and love. My condolences to the Henry Family. May she rest in peace.

Can Korman - October 31, 2015 at 08:39 AM

RO

“ It in my desire to send my heartfelt condolences to the family . I did not know your loved one. , but I do know the pain of the loss of a family member that is dear to the heart.  
May God (Psalms 83:18) grant you comfort and peace of mind .  
Words of comfort from God Isaiah 25:8 .

Rosita - October 30, 2015 at 07:01 PM

WM

“ I have so many thoughts and happy memories of my time with you and your parents at Ramey AFB in Puerto Rico. They are a bit fuzzy as age seems to do that to us. My sincere condolences for a loss that is profound. Bill Muir

William S Muir - October 30, 2015 at 03:51 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn Anne Henry.



October 30, 2015 at 03:10 PM

JM

“ I was fortunate enough to share very good times with Marilyn and Jake at Ramey AFB PR - in the early 70's. Have wonderful memories of the time we spent together. A Hug for Jake and our condolences to the Henry family. Great times wonderful people. Marilyn will be missed but not forgotten. H John & Cathy Markulis Hamburg NY

John Markulis - October 30, 2015 at 12:33 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marilyn Anne Henry.



October 30, 2015 at 11:55 AM

JF

“ Jimmy & Ronni & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Marilyn Anne Henry.



Jimmy & Ronni & Family - October 30, 2015 at 11:45 AM

TF

“ The Sprigg Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marilyn Anne Henry.



The Sprigg Family - October 30, 2015 at 11:38 AM



“ *Finest Farewell Spray was purchased for the family of Marilyn Anne Henry.*



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October 30, 2015 at 10:12 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Marilyn Anne Henry.*



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October 30, 2015 at 10:05 AM



“ *Raymond and I were in Puerto Rico with Marilyn and Jake. We spent many sunny days together at the Officer's Club pool. We are so saddened by Marilyn's passing at such a young age. She was truly special. Prayers to her family. Love, Leslie and Raymond*



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**leslie stricklen** - October 30, 2015 at 08:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marilyn Anne Henry.*



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October 30, 2015 at 08:43 AM

TS

“ The AADA Staff purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Marilyn Anne Henry.



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**The AADA Staff** - October 29, 2015 at 09:34 PM

AR

“ Love to all the Henry's - you all as well as your Mom and Dad were the heart and soul of Good Shepherd as we were "building community in the light of Christ." Always there and intuitive to any needs - from the youngest to the oldest of parishioners - a Henry member was there. And who was that quiet, steadfast force behind it all - your loving Mom, her sensitive, humorous nature - always there for others and unflappable. She and your Dad so completely devoted to family and more - your Mom your Dad's spirit when health concerns became such a burden. The Ridders all send their love and condolences to all of you - you all are such gifts to your parents. Rest in peace, dear Marilyn. Love, Anne and Wendell and family

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**anne ridder** - October 29, 2015 at 07:27 PM

DS

“ Diane E. Swart purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Marilyn Anne Henry.



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**Diane E. Swart** - October 29, 2015 at 05:51 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn Anne Henry.*



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October 29, 2015 at 05:47 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marilyn Anne Henry.*



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October 29, 2015 at 05:32 PM



“ *With Love the Tuesday Night Small Group purchased the Divine Light for the family of Marilyn Anne Henry.*



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**With Love the Tuesday Night Small Group** - October 29, 2015  
at 05:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marilyn Anne Henry.*



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October 29, 2015 at 05:22 PM



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October 29, 2015 at 04:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marilyn Anne Henry.*



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October 29, 2015 at 04:15 PM



“ *Marilyn was the epitome of love and laughter. No matter what the conversation, you were the most important person to her in that moment. The love she shared with all of us will remain forever in our hearts. I pray that you all feel God's loving arms wrapped tightly around you in these difficult days ahead. With love, Fran King*

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**Fran King** - October 29, 2015 at 03:03 PM



*Marilyn was totally devoted to Jake, all of her children and her grandchildren. She was always gracious, loving, warm and filled with abundant grace. We mourn the loss of our sister but rejoice that she is walking with our Lord in heaven, watching over those she loved. We carry her spirit with us each and every day until we are united again in eternity Love, Libby Henry Trautman*

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**libby trautman** - October 29, 2015 at 03:27 PM

WH

“Marilyn's countless caring gestures, abundant generosity, steadfast support and never-ending kindness for others and the world remains and is immortal. She inculcated these virtues in her wonderful family, which is her legacy. May the Lord bless her and keep her always.  
With heartfelt sincerity and affection,  
Walter Hoenes

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Walter Hoenes - October 29, 2015 at 02:55 PM

SH

“Marilyn continues to be a beacon of Love in our Family, she demonstrated unselfish devotion, Grace, gentleness and kindness. Truly a women that loved and is loved Greatly.  
Continued Blessings, Peace and Comfort in these next few days as we Remember with love a truly Beautiful woman.  
Sue Henry

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Sue Henry - October 29, 2015 at 02:39 PM

LP

“Dear Kevin, Ethel, Rachel and Rebbecca, Lance and I are thinking of you with Sympathy. I hope that the love of those around you will help get you through the difficult days ahead. May you find peace in knowing that Marilyn is at rest with the Lord. Lovingly, Lance and Denise Paoli

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Lance and Denise Paoli - October 29, 2015 at 02:03 PM

PE

Dear Cheryl, Larry, Denise, Kevin and family, Your mom was such a sweet lady and I'll always remember how she warmly welcomed me to some of your holiday dinners when I was young and away from my family. She was a loving mother, and I am sure she is smiling down on you all in peace and comfort now. My thoughts and prayers are with you all in this difficult time. Please accept my sincerest sympathy!

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penny - October 29, 2015 at 10:47 PM