



Michaeleen McGettigan

March 3, 1941 - January 16, 2025

Michaeleen McGettigan, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on January 16th in Manassas, Virginia. She was 83 years old.

Born in Waltham, Massachusetts, Michaeleen was the cherished daughter of Paul Hann and Frances Broderick Hann. She grew up in Coral Gables, just south of Miami, Florida, alongside her siblings, Marc Hann and Judy Chang, where she developed a love for the vibrant culture and warm sands of the area.

In 1961, Michaeleen married the love of her life, John McGettigan, on November 26th at Saint Peter and Paul's Catholic Church in Miami, Florida. Together, they shared a remarkable 64-year journey, raising two children, David (Vivian) McGettigan and Catherine Marvin, while creating a legacy of love that extended to five grandchildren, Amanda (Jason), Angela (Nick), Donald (Stephanie), Heather (Jake), and David (Ali), 19 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.

Throughout their early years together, Michaeleen and John moved frequently, following John's military career. Their travels took them to bases across California, Colorado, Texas, Germany, and finally Virginia, where they settled in Woodbridge and later retired to Fredericksburg. Michaeleen embraced each move with grace and used her talents to make every house a home.

A lifelong learner, Michaeleen earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from George Mason University. She applied her skills as a technical editor for numerous government contractors, including General Dynamics, where she was known for her precision and attention to detail.

Michaeleen also gave generously of her time and talents as a volunteer with the Rippon Lodge Garden Club. She found joy in maintaining the gardens and grounds, combining her love of nature and her passion for creating beauty in every space she touched.

Michaeleen had a variety of passions and hobbies that brought joy to her life and those around her. She loved gardening, interior design, and playing games such as rummy and mahjong. Her creative pursuits included ceramics, flower arrangement, home decorating, and crafting elegant dinner place settings. Her impeccable attention to detail was evident in everything she did, from her beautifully curated home to the thoughtful way she welcomed guests.

Those who knew Michaeleen will remember her for her keen eye for design, her boundless honesty, and her loving, intentional presence. She had a gift for making everyone feel valued and loved, whether through a perfectly arranged table setting, a kind word, or her undivided attention during a conversation. Her warmth, humor, and enduring strength leave an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing her.

As her grandson shared, some of the most cherished memories of Michaeleen were the little moments: enjoying a brownie sundae while watching "House Hunters," savoring a DIY frosty that required endless stirring, or the countless hours spent talking at the kitchen table. These seemingly small interactions reflected the depth of her care and the unique connection she shared with her family. Michaeleen's honesty, often delivered with gentle humor, was a testament to her love and desire to see those around her

flourish.

Michaeleen's family will celebrate her life with a funeral mass at Pierce's Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA, on Tuesday, January 21st. The viewing will begin at 3:00 PM, followed by the service at 4:00 PM.

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Rd
Triangle, VA 22172-1636
(703) 221-2183

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 21. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DE

“ Donna Eaton-Jones planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michaeleen McGettigan.

Donna Eaton-Jones - January 21, 2025 at 09:12 AM

DE

“ Donna Eaton-Jones purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michaeleen McGettigan.



Donna Eaton-Jones - January 21, 2025 at 09:12 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Michaeleen McGettigan.



January 20, 2025 at 07:30 PM

GK

“ Gregg Bogovich and Ray Kee purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michaeleen McGettigan.



Gregg Bogovich and Ray Kee - January 20, 2025 at 10:05 AM

DV

“ David and Vivian purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Michaeleen McGettigan.



David and Vivian - January 19, 2025 at 08:40 PM

DV

“ David and Vivian planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michaeleen McGettigan.

David and Vivian - January 19, 2025 at 08:40 PM

RF

“ Ruby Calkins and Family purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Michaeleen McGettigan.



Ruby Calkins and Family - January 19, 2025 at 07:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michaeleen McGettigan.

January 19, 2025 at 01:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michaeleen McGettigan.*



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