



Ms. Joan Matella McGee

April 22, 1933 - January 8, 2018

Joan Matella McGee passed away on January 8, 2018, at Foothills Assisted Living in West Union, SC.

She was born on April 22, 1933, to the late Lewis and Lillian (Pitchford) McGee in Asheville, N.C. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Michael Lewis McGee. She was a graduate of Walhalla High School, where she also was employed for many years and loved by the students who crossed her path on a daily basis. She also worked at Dickies House of Flowers in Walhalla for many years and the Walhalla Garment Factory. She was a member of Open Door Baptist Church and loved those folks like family.

She is survived by her three nieces: Cathy Schwartz (Jay) of Greenville, Sarah McGee (Dave) of Iowa, and Carol Blair (Steven) of Myrtle Beach, nephew: David McGee (Ceil) of Fort Mill and their families, numerous cousins, two of which include Carol Silsby (Harry) of Greer and Arthur McGee (Bonnie) of Anderson.

Joan loved her church, her family and her friends. She was an avid walker, Parcheesi player and loved working word searches and puzzles. She also loved children, especially her great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to the staff at Foothills, Kens Pharmacy, Dr. Holly Munson, and

the Walhalla Fire and Rescue who all looked out for Joan.

Also, a special thanks to her many neighbors and friends who were her lifeline over the years including, but certainly not limited to, Gladys and Dickie Moody, Lena and Harry Kelley, Joyce Vissage, Edna Sweet, Ruth Moore, her pastor Jeremy Garrett and her faithful deacon Craig Gwinn, along with her friends at the Jolly Seniors and The Young at Heart Clubs.

A Memorial service will be held at 2:00pm Saturday, January 13, 2018, at Open Door Baptist Church.

The family will receive friends at 1:00 prior to the service. Burial will be private.

Memorials in Joan's memory may be made to Open Door Baptist Church, 3673 Blue Ridge Blvd, Walhalla, SC 29691 or the Shriners Hospital for Children, 950 W. Faris Road, Greenville, SC, 29605.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Open Door Baptist Church
3673 Blue Ridge Blvd.
Walhalla, SC 29691

Memorial Service

JAN 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Joan Matella McGee*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Everyone that knew Joan HAD to love her. I picked her up several times when she was walking, did not matter to her how hot or how cold it was, she would say "my Dr, wants me to walk more"*

She was such a joy. She never knew my name but I knew her. She was a precious soul.



YVETTE NORRIS - January 17, 2018 at 11:53 AM



“ *Irene Chapman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Matella McGee*



Irene Chapman - January 15, 2018 at 05:59 PM



“ *Bobbie Duncan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Matella McGee*



Bobbie Duncan - January 13, 2018 at 11:00 PM

CB

“ *Carmelita Baumgarner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Matella McGee*



Carmelita Baumgarner - January 13, 2018 at 05:43 PM

JS

“ *Such a sweet and tender loss to our community. So many of us at Walhalla High worked with Joan over her years there of faithful and cheerful service. She always did more than asked, and did so with a happy heart.*

Janet Smalley

Janet Smalley - January 13, 2018 at 10:17 AM

GB

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Ms. Joan when I was hired as a teacher at Walhalla High School in 1992. She was always kind and helpful. She demonstrated the importance of staying active, as she never sat still and obviously enjoyed a long life. I know that she will be missed by many people. My sympathy to her family and many friends.*

Greg Bearden

Greg Bearden - January 13, 2018 at 10:13 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Joan Matella McGee.*



January 12, 2018 at 04:50 PM



“ *I worked with Ms. Joan at Walhalla High. She was always so happy and such a hard worker. I often saw her about town. She will be missed.*

*Rebecca Duke
Teacher at Walhalla High*

Becky Duke - January 12, 2018 at 12:59 PM



“ *Juanita Johns lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Matella McGee*



Juanita Johns - January 11, 2018 at 02:58 PM



“ *Dear Sweet Ms. Joan, I will so miss you and your sweet smile, warm handshakes and hugs when I visit Open Door. Enjoy Heaven I'll see ya when I get there.
My sympathy and prayers for the family. Sincerely, Linda Tilson*

Linda Tilson - January 11, 2018 at 12:55 PM

SA

“ *Sherry Abbott lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Matella McGee*



Sherry Abbott - January 11, 2018 at 08:31 AM

LS

“ *Larry and Sharon Stephens purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ms. Joan Matella McGee.*



Larry and Sharon Stephens - January 10, 2018 at 08:09 PM

OM

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of great loss and sorrow. Joan was a very precious soul. Love, Ouida*

Ouida D McDow - January 10, 2018 at 06:46 PM

LT

“ *Louise & Clarence Towe lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Matella McGee*



Louise & Clarence Towe - January 10, 2018 at 02:13 PM

JL

“ *Jess&marcella Langston lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Matella McGee*



jess&marcella langston - January 10, 2018 at 10:25 AM

WB

“ *Wayne Barton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Matella McGee*



Wayne Barton - January 10, 2018 at 10:24 AM

SJ

“ *Shelia James lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Matella McGee*



Shelia James - January 10, 2018 at 08:59 AM

SJ

To the family of Joan; Miss Joan was so precious to me and our Open Door family. She will surely be missed! I am continuing to pray for the family and I send my deepest sympathy. Shelia James

Shelia James - January 10, 2018 at 09:01 AM

DN

“ *Doug And Linda Reese Nix lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Matella McGee*



Doug and Linda Reese Nix - January 09, 2018 at 09:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Joan Matella McGee.*



January 09, 2018 at 07:46 PM

BS

“ *Bill And Susan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Matella McGee*



Bill and Susan - January 09, 2018 at 05:35 PM

WF

“ *Walhalla Fire lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Matella McGee*



Walhalla Fire - January 09, 2018 at 04:27 PM

WD

“ *Walhalla Fire Department lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Matella McGee*



Walhalla Fire Department - January 09, 2018 at 04:26 PM

MD

“ *Melanie Durham lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Matella McGee*



Melanie Durham - January 09, 2018 at 02:22 PM

MG

“ *Joan will be missed at Jolly Seniors at Rocky Knoll Church. Rest in Peace Joan.*

Margie Green - January 09, 2018 at 09:01 AM



“ *Kathy Addis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Matella McGee*



Kathy Addis - January 09, 2018 at 08:53 AM

JW

“ So sorry to hear of Ms. Joan's passing. She was a very special lady. If you knew her you had to love her. She was always concerned about others and if you asked her how she was feeling , you would always get the quick reply "I'm doing ok".

She will never be forgotten and I know that she is rejoicing in her heavenly home.



Jerry & Frankie Williams - January 09, 2018 at 01:41 AM