



Marian Louise Reese

November 27, 2005

Myrtle Beach Marian Louise Barnes Reese, age 78 died Sunday, November 27, 2005 at her home. Born August 12, 1927 in Johnstown, PA, she was the daughter of the late Oscar Claude and Louise Boley Barnes. Mrs. Reese was a 1944 graduate of Johnstown High School and a 1946 alumni of Johnstown Center University of Pittsburgh ?Junior Pitt? and a 1948 graduate with a BA from the University of California at Los Angeles UCLA. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Hamilton Reese whom she married on November 20, 1948, an aunt Irene Barnes, cousin Dorothy Butler Nour of Cairo Egypt and granddaughter, Wendy R. Costanzo. Surviving are daughter, Robin Claire Costanzo and husband Joseph of Surfside Beach and Elizabeth Ann Irene ?Sam? Reese of Myrtle Beach; son, William H. Reese, Jr. of Jamestown, NY; sister, Evelyn Barnes Beck Hamstra of Austin, TX; grandchildren, Katherine Ann Reese, David Reese and Joseph Costanzo and wife Theresa and great grandchildren, Alex and Ethan Costanzo. Services will be 2:00 PM, Friday at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00, Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, PO Box 588, Conway, SC 29526.

Tribute Wall



“ To: Robin, Sam and Bill, Jr.: A letter from a cousin in Johnstown this week brought me the obituary which had the sad news about Marian, who has been a very dear friend of mine since about 1945, when we were students at Junior Pitt, in Johnstown. I sent Marian a birthday card in August, this year, but didn't realize until I shared the obit with my son, and he commented that I was one year and one day old when she was born. Marian wrote to me in Sept. to thank me for the card and to tell me she had been in the hospital. As usual, it was a lovely letter. I am glad I have kept it, and can share part of it with you, for near the end she wrote: "Please do not worry about me; I will be fine. The kids have been wonderful. Sam has been an absolute angel, and Robin and Joe are back from Seattle, and Bill Jr. came down the weekend before Labor Day. I'm in good hands!" Thanks to Bill Jr., we were able to have a brief but very nice visit together here about two years ago. Prior to that, we met once at Chautauqua, and later that day, Bill, Jr. took us for a boat trip on Lake Chautauqua. In 1944, my first year at Jr. Pitt, I triple dated with his dad. We three couples would go together to movies and stop afterwards for a soda. Nothing serious, as those were innocent, wonderful days. We were all new students, just getting used to meeting new people. I went with a fellow named Jack, who was a friend of Bill Reese, and Bill went with Irma Hunt, who many years later became the author of "Dearest Madame" the story of the Presidents' mistresses. Those triple dates lasted less than a year. Shortly after that, I met Bob, who later became my husband, and Marian met Bill. Through letter writing, Marian and I kept in touch after she moved to California. Her cousin, Dorothy Butler and I had known each other through Sunday School classes at Second Presbyterian Church in Johnstown. Once when Dorothy was back from Egypt, visiting, Marian had me up to her home in Westmont for the three of us to get together. I've so many memories of Marian -- all of them good. All of them pleasant. I'd written to her just a few weeks ago and had been looking for a letter from her when I received the sad news. I will miss her very much. As a teenager, she was bubbly, delightful, caring -- and amazingly, she stayed that way. Every bit a lady. My condolences to each of you. Evelyn Klahre

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December 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Robin, Bill & Sam, I am very sorry to hear of your mom's death. She was a lovable & kind person. I have good memories of times we spent together. I'll keep you in my prayers.##imported-begin##Hebbi Nour##imported-end##

December 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Robin, Billy & Sam, We were sorry to hear of your loss & ours as well--We kept in touch often with cards & letters & had just rec'd a long letter last month. We also had a wonderful visit last year when we had a vacation in Myrtle Beach in spring '04. There she was sitting in the hotel lobby as we checked in. What a nice surprise for us!! We will surely miss her. A Memorial gift will be sent in her memory as requested. You & your families are in our prayers @ this sad time. love, Bill and Miriam & family##imported-begin##Bill & Miriam Butler##imported-end##

December 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts are with all of you. Mike, Maddie, Hootie##imported-begin##Mike Nixon##imported-end##

December 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sam, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. I am sure she was as sweet as you are. I hope that you are comforted by memories and the closeness of your family and friends. If there is anything I can do for you, please call on me. With love and hugs,
Donna Thompson WCMH###imported-begin##Donna Thompson###imported-end##

November 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Family, So sorry to read about the loss of your mom - she was a very sweet lady. I knew her son, Bill, the best - my ex - Rick Gavin & his dad, Pat, worked at Reese Electric. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May your happy memories comfort you all. Take care,
Sue Lease, Johnstown, PA###imported-begin##Sue Lease formerly Sue Gavin###imported-end##

November 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Robin, Bill, and Sam, I am so sorry to hear about your Mother, she was very dear to me and she was very dear to my mom and dad, it's good to think that maybe the four of them are together again. Please be comforted with the knowledge that she did not suffer and is in a better place.###imported-begin##Randa Nour###imported-end##

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