



Marie Inez Zagorny

September 30, 1920 - June 26, 2015

Marie Inez Zagorny, 94yo, died peacefully with loved ones at her side on the evening of Friday June 26th at Senior Care of Goldsboro. Born Sept 30, 1920 in rural Fluvanna County near Kents Store, VA, Marie had a fabulously dynamic life. As a child, she and her sister Mabel took breaks from farm life to put on plays using crates for stages and sheets for curtains, and sold homemade ice cream for 5 cents a cone at the baseball games held on several acres of their 100-acre farm. She excelled in school; enjoyed Drama Club, Tap Dancing, Newspaper Club and athletics; and was a natural leader in all that she did. Baptized by immersion in a creek on her uncle's farm, she was raised to have a deep devotion to the Lord, and carried that faith with her throughout her life.

Proud of newfound independence, Marie left 'country life' at age 20 to live in Washington, DC where she worked for the War Production Board until the end of WWII. She had a 37-year career in the Department of Agriculture, including a Presidential Appointment approved by President John Kennedy, assigning her as Secretary to the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture—a position she held for 17 years. She grew to love the City, fostered countless friendships, and enjoyed attending nightclubs booming with the sounds of the 40's and 50's. She was a beautiful Christian woman, warm and vivacious with an infectious smile, a tremendous sense of humor, an intelligent mind, and a magical charm—she certainly captured the hearts of many. Marie met her husband John in DC once he completed his service in the Navy and moved into the apartment

next door—they began to meet in front of the White House daily, and married at beautiful St. Patrick's Cathedral. Their son Alan kept them busy and smiling for years to come! Marie retired from the Federal Gov't and worked 14 more years at Sun Trust Bank. She enjoyed entertaining friends and family at dinner parties, and she was well known by all for her delicious baked goods, often gifted in recycled cookie tins. Family was always important to her, and she kept in touch with all that she could over the years. Marie is predeceased by her husband John Zagorny, mother "Lizzie" Diggs, father Ora Cosner, Sister Mabel Parrish, and half-brothers Earl Johnson, Clarence Cosner and Paul Cosner. She is survived by her son Alan Zagorny; grandchildren Crystal, Daniel, Justin, Jessica, and Jennifer; great-grandchildren Abry and Maizson; and many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins. A memorial service will be held to celebrate Marie's life on Monday August 10th at 12 noon at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Greensboro, MD. Come at 11am to visit with friends and family, and stay afterward for food and fellowship. Messages can be posted online at www.fleegleandhelfenbein.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
300 W. Sunset Avenue
Greensboro, MD 21639

Memorial

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Tribute Wall



“ *Marie Inez Zagorny*

October 08, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *Marie Inez Zagorny*

October 06, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Family photos*



Crystal Terhune - July 08, 2015 at 12:11 PM



“ *Beth Wall lit a candle in memory of Marie Inez Zagorny*



beth wall - July 01, 2015 at 03:07 AM



“ *Thoughts are with the family during this time. She was a lovely lady. She will be missed.*

beth wall - July 01, 2015 at 03:06 AM



“ I met Meemaw at the young age of 92. She was a wonderful lady. I loved her smile and her laugh. She was someone who actually loved my cooking. She would say "You are the best cook in DC!" I enjoyed hearing her sing from the hymnals on Sunday. She had the most beautiful thick white hair...all the ladies at church were envious. We would sit outside on the deck and blow bubbles and pin wheels but not without her sun visor and sunglasses of course! Hearing her tell stories about her childhood like climbing Uncle Junes pecan tree and playing in the stream with Mabel were some of my favorites. I miss her dearly. I thank God for allowing me to be a part of her life. I am a better person because of her. I love you Meemaw. Rest in peace. We shall meet again.

Tammy Merson - June 30, 2015 at 04:46 PM