



## Joan McClain Callahan

June 7, 1925 - February 25, 2011

Joan McClain Callahan, 85, a lifelong resident of Point Marion, PA, peacefully passed away at her home early Sunday, February 20, 2011. Born in Point Marion on June 7, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Raymond C. and Miriam Snowden McClain. She graduated from Point Marion High School in 1943 and West Virginia University in 1947. Mac was a member of the Delta Gamma sorority and served on the House Corporation Board of the Alpha Xi chapter at WVU. For many years, she was an active member of the local alumnae association and received the national Delta Gamma Cable Award in 1984. She was a passionate Mountaineer fan and a member of the WVU Alumni Association Emeritus Club. She was a member of the Point Marion United Methodist Church where she was treasurer of the Board of Trustees and a member of United Methodist Women. Her other memberships included Point Marion Progress Club and Ingleside Book Club of Morgantown. A social studies teacher, Mrs. Callahan touched the lives of many students at Mapletown Junior-Senior High School and later at Albert Gallatin Senior High School. Following her retirement, Joan and a group of seven area residents formed the Community Civic Organization. Believing the history of our area should be preserved, they compiled the book *Point Marion...from the Beginning*. Joan belonged to the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the Clan Maclean Association, Duart, Scotland. She was a direct descendant of Robert McClain and Casper Everly, early local settlers. Joan was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Harry L. Tut

Callahan. They co-owned the family furniture and appliance business, Clar-Mac Sales, in Point Marion. Together they enjoyed many activities. Joan was a Paul Harris Fellow and Rotary Benefactor and supported her husband during his tenure as District Governor of District #733. Joan and Tut traveled extensively for Rotary, for pleasure, as well as, attending the many events in their children's and grandchildren's lives. Survivors include four children and their spouses, Beth and Larry Reseter of Bruceton Mills, WV, Rence and Barbara Callahan of Winston-Salem, NC, Meg and Van Lloyd of Irvine, CA, and David and Zoann Callahan of Point Marion; 10 grandchildren and their spouses, Megan and Todd Blossom, Tyler Reseter, Lawren and Jigar Desai, Katie and Jay Callahan, Emmy and Jon Curtin, Kathleen and Gabe Garney, Hunt Lloyd, Ashleigh and CJ Callahan, Paige Callahan, and Drew Callahan; three great-grandchildren, Sophia Curtin, Jake Desai, and McKinley Callahan. The family will receive friends in the Richard R. Herod Funeral Home, Point Marion, on Thursday from 2-4 and 6-9 pm and Friday in the Point Marion United Methodist Church from noon until 1 pm, the hour of the service. Private interment will be in the Evergreen Memorial Park, Point Marion. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Miriam McClain Scholarship Fund of the Point Marion Progress Club, % Janet Daugherty, 16 Railroad Street, Point Marion, PA 15474.

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ Carolyn ( Rice ) , Sine sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan McClain Callahan



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**Carolyn ( Rice ) , Sine** - April 28, 2022 at 10:39 PM

AC

“ Dear Family of Joan McClain Callahan,

*My husband, Bruce and I send you our deepest sympathy in the passing of Joan. I knew her as an alumna of Delta Gamma Sorority at WVU. She was always a kind, friendly, and gracious person.*

*Joan touched the lives of many people during her lifetime. She was a very special person. She will be greatly missed.*

*May God grant you His peace and comfort.*

*Most Sincerely,*

*Anne Swisher Chase*

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**Anne Swisher Chase** - February 27, 2011 at 05:20 PM

JL

“ Dave, Kim and I are praying for you in your time sorrow. Although I didn't know your mother, I know she was a special lady thru all her civic endeavors. Peace be with you and your family.

*Jack and Kim Lavery*

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**Jack Lavery** - February 25, 2011 at 08:02 PM

KI

“ *Oops! my memorial should say "she and Zoann".....*

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**Kitty** - February 25, 2011 at 01:42 PM

KC

“ *I am praying for all of you in your loss. Joan was a great gal and Virgil and I both shared many good times with her and Tut in Rotary, in business, at church and social/civic functions. Seems like when something was happening in "town" we were there. Actually the last person from Pt. Marion that Virgil spoke with was Joan, at the cemetery on May 21, 2009. We were there decorating graves for Memorial Day and she and Joan were too. Virgil left this earth on May 22, 2009.*

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**Kitty Casini** - February 25, 2011 at 01:39 PM

PD

“ *Beth, Rence, Meg, and David,  
Pat and I were deeply sorrowed to hear that your mother had passed away. She was a wonderful and uniquely gifted woman, and my life was richly blessed by the relationship I had with both of your parents as I was growing up in Point Marion. Your dad was my mentor who gave me my first real job at Clar-Mac Sales and steered me toward an Air Force career; your mom was always a source of nurturing encouragement and sound advice. As Pat and I ventured out into the world, the times we shared with Tut and Joan, our life-long friends, were unfortunately few and far between—but they were always cherished and filled with fond memories. We deeply regret not being there to celebrate your mother's life. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her, but please take comfort in the fact that she has gone home to be with Tut in the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
With love and deepest sympathy,  
Pat and Bob Dumont*

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**Pat and Bob Dumont** - February 25, 2011 at 08:22 AM

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LS

“ A generous, caring soul - Joan Callahan - my cousin, friend, neighbor. She was always smiling and was genuinely interested in everything I had to say (during my teen-ag 'growing up' years) - we were neighbors. Beth, Meg, Rence, David - your parents always set a great example of what parents should be. My heart and prayers are with you at this sad time...

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**Linda McClain Sargent** - February 24, 2011 at 09:28 PM

“ Looking back, there are people who stand out as having had an impact on our lives. Joan Callahan was such a person.

*She was my Problems of Democracy and homeroom teacher at Albert Gallatin High School during the 1982-1983 school year, my senior year. I remember her fondly as a teacher who imparted life lessons as well as academic lessons. For example, under her tutelage, our class learned how to fill out a check, which was something we had never been taught to do. I remember well that it was she who had us follow the stock market.*

*We were given a fictitious \$10,000, told to pick a portfolio of stocks, and told to follow the daily closing prices for a certain period of time. We charted our progress on a poster. (I still have the poster.) Time has erased who in our class turned out to be the best stock picker. However, time has not erased the lesson she imparted: "Learn, earn, save and invest," Mrs. Callahan would admonish. And she was right. I credit her for my interest in finance and economics, which interest me to this very day.*

*Mrs. Callahan was not the timid sort. If she disagreed with a school policy that contradicted common sense, without hesitation, she would call it what it was -- asinine. With her, one knew where one stood. She was well liked and well respected by her students and her colleagues.*

*Another poster described her as a grand lady. That she was.*

*It is with deep sadness that we mark her death, but I think the sadness is more about missing her vivacious living than it is about noting her passing.*

*It is certain that the world will be a poorer place without Joan Callahan.*

*Mrs. Callahan, thank you for teaching us life lessons. Thank you for*

*your example. Thank you for a life well lived.*

*May you rest in peace.*

*With deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences,*

*Robert J. Frasconi*

*Albert Gallatin High School, Class of '83*

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**Robert J. Frasconi** - February 24, 2011 at 02:43 PM

ML

“*Joan was such a lovely lady and a great example of the perfect, wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She will be sorely missed by her friends, family and whomever she came into contact with. Please remember her as the beautiful woman that she was inside and out. Rest in peace Joan, the world is a sadder place without your beautiful smile.*”

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**Marlee Lombard** - February 24, 2011 at 01:45 PM

B(

“*my deepest sorry for Your loss. i will remember her as a vibrant person in the halls of Albert Gallatin God Bless You Meg. i pray that life has been good to you. maybe see you at the 50 year reunion.*”

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**bill balaz (hairs)** - February 24, 2011 at 11:13 AM

BW

“*It saddens me deeply to hear of the passing of such a cornerstone of the community and a personal inspiration. Joan was a kind friend who would challenge one to be their best and accept nothing less. She will be truly missed.*”

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**Brian Wolfe** - February 22, 2011 at 12:27 PM

DT

“ Growing up next to my cousins, the Callahans, are happy memories for me. Joan and Tut would take the neighborhood kids, Meg & Donna; Danny Demoucelle, others, with them in their long, big blue was it a Buick (?) to the movies, wherever. I was only about five or six at most, and Joan invited Bunny Rabbit, Linda and me to go to church with her. There were no Presbyterian churches in town, so Bun became a Methodist - at Trinity Methodist Church, were we all still belong. I have a ton more happy stories, however, suffice it to say, a grand lady has passed into Jesus' arms; Love, Donna

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**Donna McClain Thorn** - February 21, 2011 at 01:59 PM