



Marian F. Dwyer

July 24, 1924 - January 31, 2012

Marian Frances Dwyer, 87, Waynesville, passed away on Tuesday, January 31, 2012,

after a long illness. She was born July 24, 1924, to Sadie Lou (Brooks) and Ernest C.

Swann, in Athens, Georgia. She married James E. Dwyer, Jr., "Jimmie," on January 25,

1946. She was devoted to Jimmie, who left her side on September 1, 1997, every day of her life.

Marian's experiences as an Army wife led her from the deep south to the deeper woods

of Northern Michigan, where she was embraced by her husband's family, who loved her

dearly. Marian traveled by train across the country and by ship across the ocean with

two babies to Japan in 1949, and once again by ship to Japan in 1956, each time to join

Jimmie after his service during the Korean War. She served faithfully as a devoted

military wife for tours throughout the country, including Hawaii, where she enjoyed the

music and dance of that new state in the early '60s. Upon retirement at Fort Leonard Wood in 1965, she was active in the community of Waynesville, supporting her son Michael's school and athletic events, serving on the Waynesville City Council Planning and Zoning Committee, and as a long-time member of the Waynesville Study Club. She was a faithful member of the Crocker Presbyterian Church.

Marian was a full-time homemaker, devoted to her husband and his many adventures pursuing his love of the outdoors. She was also a dedicated mother to her three children, an accomplished seamstress, and a cook beyond compare.

Marian Dwyer is survived by her three loving children, Gloria (Jeni) Thomson, Gail Smith (Jesse), and Michael Dwyer (Anita), and was a beloved mother-in-law. She also leaves to celebrate her life her ten grandchildren, including granddaughters Elizabeth Dodds Flood (Jim), Kerrie Thomson Creemer (Trafton), Ashley Thomson Dean (Justin), Andrea Dwyer, and Mallory Thomson; and grandsons Brian and Marcus Dodds, Lendsey Thomson, and Doug and Alex Dwyer. Her ever-growing family proudly includes six great-grandchildren: Bailey and Aram Flood, Oliver and Sadie Creemer, and Bridget and one-week-old Bowman Dean.

Mourning the passing of a dear sister include Ann Steiert, and sisters-in-law Virgie Dwyer and Nita Wickey (Chris). She is also survived by numerous loving nieces and nephews. Marian will be loved, remembered and missed as a gentle, gracious soul. She set an exemplary example by her love and devotion to her husband and family, to include many special canine family members, beyond all else.

Visitation will be held at noon on Saturday, February 4th, at the Waynesville Memorial Chapel, with services to take place at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Waynesville Study Club, 22745 Rose Meadow Lane, Waynesville, 65583, to support the club's contributions to charitable causes in the community, or to an animal shelter of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Marian F. Dwyer*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *My first memories in life are of the wonder Dwyer family in post war "Occupied Japan." Being Army families, we moved around a lot and and fell out of touch at different times, but we were always able to pick up where we left off when our paths would cross again. Marian and Jim and my parents, Acie and Martin (Willie to only Marian) were beautiful young couples then, as they are now again. "They shall not grow old as we who are left grow old and at the rising and the setting of the sun, we shall remember them."###imported-begin##Gerry Grimes Ingram###imported-end##*

March 13, 2012 at 09:43 AM



“ *The members and friends from the Crocker Presbyterian Church would like to offer our condolences to the family upon the death of Marian. Jim and Marian were faithful members of this church and were such a joy to have them as part of our congregation. Please know that the family is remembered in our thoughts and our prayers.###imported-begin##Crocker Presbyterian Church###imported-end##*

February 05, 2012 at 10:37 AM



“Marian and Jim were such special people and wonderful neighbors. To my 4 kids growing up with family in the Kansas City area, they were like "second" grandparents. To our pets, especially Kodi, their house was a never ending supply of treats..... to the point of if I kept Kodi close to home a couple of days, the phone would ring and I would hear "Is Kodi incarcerated?". Charles and I had such respect for Marian and for Jim.

I knew Marian needed to be somewhere other than in her house as the years went by, but how I hated to see her leave. Even still, I look across the street and it is still "The Dwyers".##imported-begin##Linda Folkert##imported-end##

February 03, 2012 at 10:36 AM



“Your mother was a special woman after reading her obit. I realize that even more than my knowing her for all these years, she always tickled me with her quick wit, but always the southern belle. The Waynesvill Study club ladies will miss her greatly. As I know her family wil also, may God be with you thourgh this sad time.##imported-begin##Glenda Slawson ##imported-end##

February 03, 2012 at 08:21 AM



“Your mother was always so nice when I visited during those early hunting trips with you and your father. Keep those memories as I do, they were fun time. Sorry for your loss and she and Jim are united once again.##imported-begin##David and Joan Winters##imported-end##

February 02, 2012 at 04:39 PM



“ Your mom and dad were wonderful people. I lived across the street from them for several years. Michael, remember when you played Santa Claus for my sons, Michael and John? I was your dad's secretary for a year or two and enjoyed going to work every day. Your Mom will be missed. May you find some comfort in knowing that I am praying for you and your family. God's Blessings##imported-begin##Dottie (Taylor) Hutchison##imported-end##

February 02, 2012 at 01:33 PM



“ Marian was a great friend. She was a fun person and her quirky little jokes made her a joy to be in our Waynesville Study Club. It was my privilege to have enjoyed time with her and taking her places with me. My love to the family, glad to have had time with each of you and my thoughts and prayers will be with you now.##imported-begin##Annette Troutt##imported-end##

February 01, 2012 at 04:31 PM