



Marjorie Van Buren

February 13, 1938 - October 11, 2016

Miss Marjorie Van Buren, 78, went home to heaven on Tuesday October 11, 2016 at The Glen NY- Liberty ARC Home where she had been a resident for the past 12 years. She had been in declining health for the past several weeks.

Marjorie was born February 13, 1938, the only child of Irwin and Ruth Gilaland Van Buren of Vail Mills. Her parents were Household Staff at the Former Wards Hill Estate in Vail Mills and her early years were spent in the Caretakers Cottage there. Marjorie was a pupil in the Broadalbin Central School District up until there was no longer any help available for students with learning disabilities such as she struggled with all her life. Marjorie's mother left when she was a toddler, leaving Marjorie to be cared for by her father and elderly grandmother, Minnie Granger Van Buren. After her grandmother was no longer able to care for and be responsible for her, Marjorie was in Foster Care for a period of time, living in a variety of places in Fulton County. Her father had become ill and was institutionalized when she was a young girl. She eventually found stability and routine at the former Broadalbin Home for Adults on Main Street. Marge was a resident / helper there for nearly 30 years. She helped out doing basic chores and running errands around the village as much as she could. Later on she resided at the Benedict Home, also on Main Street, before eventually becoming part of the Liberty Day Treatment Program in Amsterdam and moving out of the village into Liberty Housing. Marge found her forever loving home in 2004 when she

moved to the Liberty –ARC Home in Glen, N.Y. The wonderful staff and fellow residents there became her extended family, this was a very special place for her to spend the last chapter of her life. Marge's Family is forever indebted to the Special Staff at this residence for the love and compassion shown to her during her time there and particularly in her last days.

Marjorie was a life-long member of Broadalbin Baptist Church and a volunteer in the AWANA Youth Program for over 25 years. Marge was faithful in attending church as long as she was able and was very grateful to her Liberty Caregivers for transporting her to church each Sunday. She often called her Sunday School Teacher and asked what Bible Verses the next lesson would be about. Despite her learning disabilities, she was very much in tune with what was being said and had a well-marked and underlined Bible to prove it.

For many years Marge was a presence at many Broadalbin Central School Sporting Events. She proudly wore an outfit that mimicked the Broadalbin Cheerleader Outfits, complete with Saddle Shoes and Pom Poms, to all the games. She cheered loudly for "her school" despite having never graduated. Marge was passionate about Family Holiday Gatherings and looked forward to them from one Holiday to the next. She was most often with her local cousins, The Ken and Phyllis Canary Family as long as she was able to be. Once her Aunts and Uncles passed away, the only family Marge had were her cousins and their children. In addition to her cousin and Long Time Family Advocate Phyllis Canary, she is survived by cousins, Curtis Kissinger, Donna Van Buren Marr and Ted Merry. She was predeceased by cousins Lawrence Kissinger, Marilyn Kissinger Bartosik, Rodney Sawyer, Roger Crannell, Marvin and Jack Merry, and Sandra Jeffers.

Marge was blessed to have many Special Friends over the years that helped her, looked out for her and tried to brighten her days. Folks that were special to her included: Dick and Judy Frederick, Kevin and Sally Cope, Sheila Perry, Pat Stoutner, Candy Marshall, and countless others at the Glen Liberty Home, Broadalbin Baptist Church, and the Broadalbin Community.

Marge had a special fondness for cats. Patches, the Glen Home's Cat, was a special comfort to her throughout her illness and was often curled up on the corner of her bed. She enjoyed "trying" to knit, coloring and reading in her spare time. She was a collector of all things John Deere.

Calling Hours will be held Saturday, October 15th from 10 – 11:30 am at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, 111 County Highway 106 (corner of Route 29 & Black Street), Johnstown followed by a funeral service at 11:30 am.

Burial will follow in the Broadalbin – Mayfield Rural Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions can be made in Marge's honor to: Broadalbin Baptist Church, PO Box 65 Broadalbin, NY 12025.

Cemetery Details

Broadalbin-Mayfield Rural Cemetary

Broadalbin, NY 12025

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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