



Geneva McGannon

June 17, 1919 - April 23, 2020

Geneva Rose Grant McGannon passed into God's Eternal Peace on April 23, 2020. She was born to parents, Ted and Lavena (Connett) Grant in Oblong, Illinois on June 17, 1919. After graduating from Oblong High School and attending Southern Illinois State Teachers College, she began her career in a one room school in the oil boom village of Stoy, Illinois. She taught all 12 grades, and coached baseball and basketball. Moving to Columbus, Ohio, she worked as secretary to the vice president of Ohio Bell Telephone, now ATandT. She was married to Howard McGannon and is survived by their son, Michael McGannon and wife his Teresa. She began teaching in Hilliard, Ohio in 1955, retiring in 1986, having spent most of her career at Avery Elementary. She was an OSU graduate. After retirement she volunteered and taught English as a Second Language to adult students from around the world for 16 years for Columbus Public Schools, while continuing to work part time at Knapp Veterinary Hospital where she stayed for 23 years. She was an artist, first chair clarinetist in her college orchestra, played piano, and sang and performed throughout her life with her sisters, Louise Brock-Jones, Billie (Alice) Hansberger, and Mary Marvin. The Grant Sisters. All accomplished artists in their own right. Her brother, Jim was an athlete and a US Navy veteran. She loved her students, many remembering her on her 100th Birthday in 2019. She is preceded in death by her parents; siblings, Louise (Burl) Brock-Jones, Mary (Lowell) Marvin, Alice (Lawrence) Hansberger, and James (Nelrose) Grant. Geneva cherished her family with an absolute and unconditional love. She is survived by many nephews, nieces, great and great-great nephews and nieces. Her friendships lasted for decades. Madelene, Jo, Joyce, Dotty, Rose, Ada, Loreen and many others as a group were a force of nature. She lived her last years at Abbington of Arlington making new friends of residents and a caring and loving staff. As a mother, a family elder, an educator, an artist and friend, Geneva will be remembered for years to come.

Due to the current covid-19 pandemic conditions, no formal funeral will be held. She will be buried in her home town of Oblong, Illinois next to her parents as were her wishes. If you wish to give a donation in her honor, please consider the Franklin County Human Society, or Capital City Hospice.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Heart and Hope by Schoedinger, Columbus, Ohio
and Pulliam Funeral Home, Oblong, Illinois

Cemetery

Oblong Cemetery

710 E Main St

Oblong, IL, 62449

Comments



“ I was a student at Avery Elementary. Your mother was a lovely, elegant, gracious person. I always remember her with a smile. My mother, Joy Gangluff was the secretary at Avery and was very fond of your mother. I recall you, Mike, coming to sing to our class at the behest of your mom - great memories. May she now be at rest. What a blessing she was to so many.

Sheri Gangluff - May 07, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ Dear Mike and Teresa,
Thinking of you and the loss of your mother. I am so sorry for your loss.
Muriel

Muriel Stockwell - April 30, 2020 at 08:45 PM



“ The world has lost a loving soul. All our love to the entire family, may you find peace in the knowledge that she shared with you and all around her.

Jerry and Margo Flaherty - April 30, 2020 at 08:39 AM



“ We are very sorry for your loss Michael. The Grant family sure had an interesting life! So many talents and stories at the reunions in Oblong-Robinson, IL. God bless, from Jeannetta Bennett, Kathy and Tammy.

Kathy Benson - April 29, 2020 at 09:43 PM



“ Mike I don't remember a lot because of my stroke going on I believe 9 years now but I do remember my mother taking care of your grandmother and enjoying hanging out during the family reunions and your mother giving her speeches of you family past. She was a great person to know. I'm sorry for your lost 4sure

Melvin Douglas Henry - April 29, 2020 at 08:21 PM



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Mike,

Thinking of you and your family as you celebrate your amazing Mother's life. May the many wonderful memories of her, carry you through the days ahead and bring you peace.

Annita Meyer

Annita - April 29, 2020 at 01:44 PM



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When I was first introduced to Geneva this wonderful lady captured my heart .

The minute I mentioned Michael (Her Son) Geneva began to smile and immediately expressed her feelings and gave her suggestions how Michael should live his life.

Those conversations with Geneva, I will cherish in my mind and heart forever.

RIP Geneva.

Tom Daniel Swisher - April 29, 2020 at 12:35 PM