

## OBITUARY

Marion Louise (nee-Schenk) Balbach, from Wharton and previously from Parsippany, peacefully went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, surrounded by her loving family. She was 88 years young. She will be remembered for her radiant smile.

Born and raised in Elizabeth, Marion was the only child of Max and Anna (Dickstein) Schenk. She did secretarial work at several businesses until she met her future husband Robert George Balbach at a social event where he caught her eating peanuts out of the bowl at his table. They got married in 1951, and continued to reside in Elizabeth with their three children before relocating to the Glacier Hills section of Parsippany in 1960. There, they lived a happy and full life until they retired to the warmth and beauty of Venice Florida in 1987, leaving the children to deal with the long cold New Jersey winters on their own.

Marion moved back to New Jersey a few years ago, and lived at The House of the Good Shephard in Hackettstown NJ, where she participated in various activities and church services. She loved the Lord Jesus Christ, and firmly believed in her eternal reward in heaven. She spent her weekends with her daughter and son-in-law and attended events at Abundant Life Worship Center in Whippany with her children when she could. She loved to watch NCIS and similar television shows, and enjoyed snacking on Snickers candy regularly. She cherished time with her extended family at Christmas, Thanksgiving, and holiday gatherings. She loved going to see gospel and pop concerts with her children. In her day, she was a great cook, and would often create an amazing original meal without following a recipe... a trait her children did not inherit! But one of her most favorite things to do was to go out to eat with her children, where her dinner would usually consist of a hamburger or ribs, not very imaginative for such a good cook!

Marion was predeceased by her loving husband Robert in 1995. She is survived by her son Robert George Balbach Jr and his wife Lorena Coello - Balbach of Jackson NJ, her son Bruce Richard Balbach of Parsippany NJ, her daughter Cheryl Ann Balbach Nelson and her husband Scott Nelson of Wharton NJ, and her loving "grand-dog" Bailey.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend her Liturgy of Christian Burial to be offered at 10:00 am on Saturday, February 25th 2017 at Saint Christopher R.C. Church. 1050 Littleton Road, Parsippany. Visiting hours will be on Friday from 5:00 - 9:00 pm at the Par-Troy Funeral Home. 95 Parsippany Rd, Parsippany. (973) 887 - 3235 or visit [www.partroyfuneralhome.com](http://www.partroyfuneralhome.com)

In lieu of flowers, donations in Marion's memory may be sent to The [American Cancer Society \(www.cancer.donate.org\)](http://www.cancer.donate.org) or to the House of the Good Shepherd Benevolence Fund, 798 Willow Grove St, Hackettstown NJ 07840 to assist residents in need. A memorial service is planned for a later date at Abundant Life Worship Center, 43 South Jefferson Rd, Whippany NJ, so please keep in touch with the family for details.

Marion's final wish would be that all come to know the Bible message of the saving power of Jesus Christ through salvation. She would also encourage everyone to tell someone you love them while you still have the chance.

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