



Marijane Louise Landis

December 26, 2015

Marijane Louise Landis (Frey) of Millersville, Pa., 87, went home to be with Jesus on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015. She was the daughter of the late Earle W. Frey and Miriam K. Frey (Sauer). Her husband, Harry L. Landis, preceded her in death in Oct. 1986, and her twin sons died shortly after birth in Dec. 1950.

She is survived by her daughter, L. Cindy Bonham; son-in-law, John; and grandson, Michael. She was looking forward to Michael's wedding to Stephanie Jones on May 14, 2016.

Marijane was well known throughout the WGAL-TV community as an on-air personality doing various TV shows from 1953 to 1979. She is best remembered for Perci Platypus and his friends. When she retired from being on the air, she became Personnel and Community Services Manager.

She served on various boards for organizations such as United Way, Occupational Development, and others. Marijane was the first woman to be installed in the Pennsylvania Broadcasters Association in 1998. She was a pioneer in the TV industry, making way for women today.

She was a lifetime member of First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA, where she was an active member until her health began to fail.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 140 E. Orange St., Lancaster, on January 9, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and celebrate the life of such a wonderful and delightful lady.

Memorials may be sent to the church for the music program in Marijane's memory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Marijane Louise Landis*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *A remarkable woman & great talent. RIP*

John Hatzimichaels

Groff - December 31, 2015 at 09:24 AM



“ *Dear Cindy: Bill and I wish to extend our sympathy to your family in the passing of your mother. Marijane was a long time friend since we grew up as neighbors on Maple Avenue and I have many fond memories of those days. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*
Nancy Lafferty Brackbill

Nancy Lafferty Brackbill - December 31, 2015 at 08:36 AM



“ *A remarkable woman, great talent and a "1st class LADY"...She always made me feel young again. RIP*

John Hatzimichaels - December 29, 2015 at 08:54 AM



“ *As one of the Perky Pals, I want to extend my sympathies to the family. Mary Jane touched so many young lives in and around Lancaster. I think she would be pleased to see how well we all turned out. Steven Davies USN ret.*

Steve Davies - December 28, 2015 at 03:16 PM

SJ

“*Marijane was a delightful person, I did not know her long, so I did not see her on WGAL, I'm from Western PA, so I'm sure her puppet show was fun to watch! She came to my house when it was raining to give me an Angel, I was called to go see Her when she was not feeling well, when she gave me the Angel, she told my I was Her Angel, I have tears just thinking of that, I will always cherish that Angel when I think of Marijane. Thinking of you and your family Cindy, may the memories you have of your Mom be forever in your heart.*

Shelby Jorkasky

Shelby Jorkasky - December 28, 2015 at 01:11 PM

PQ

“*Marijane was valued member of our WGAL family from the beginning as an on air personality, to human resources manager and as an active retiree, always participating in our events with loving enthusiasm for our people and the service we provided our viewers. We have lost a true Hall of Fame broadcaster. Rest in peace Marijane.*

Paul Quinn - December 27, 2015 at 09:26 PM

AG

“*Our family has good memories of seeing Mary Jane on WGAL. We are very sorry for your loss.*

Alice Gibble - December 27, 2015 at 02:52 PM

ES

“ Cindy- My deepest sympathy to you and your family. I have wonderful memories of your Mom when our families lived a few doors apart on Prospect Street. I used to babysit you and cut your parent's grass. When my mother passed away I saw your Mom at church and she made an effort to find me to give our family her condolences. She was a loving and generous person who loved you very much. May the times you shared together help you during this time of grief.

Elizabeth Giroud Sonneborn - December 27, 2015 at 02:33 PM

PB

“ I only learned to know Marijane in recent years, but she was so sweet. I thought she was simply adorable and kind. My sympathies are with her family.

PAUL BUCKWALTER - December 27, 2015 at 01:08 PM

LS

“ Thank you Marijane for entertaining so many of us with wholesome TV, I looked forward to Saturday morning cartoons..... Letter Flicker

Lynn Sine - December 27, 2015 at 10:39 AM