



## Maryann H. Caldwell

September 28, 2013

“We can do no great things – only small things with great love.” -- Mother Teresa

Maryann Caldwell committed many thousand small acts of great love throughout her life, impacting countless lives. Her relentlessly upbeat attitude, calm demeanor and thoughtful nature enriched the lives of everyone in her community. Maryann passed on September 23, 2013 with her family by her side. Her acts of great love will live on through her family and friends.

She grew up in Monticello, New York, the daughter of Samuel and Mary A. Handsman and the youngest of four siblings, and attended the Monticello Public Schools, graduating in 1968. Her childhood was filled with swimming and skating, close friends, Saturday morning cartoons, the family’s dogs and cats, and working along with her mother and sister at the local phone company.

Maryann came to Pennsylvania to attend Wilson College and ended up staying a lifetime. She met a quiet, long-haired musician from Franklin & Marshall named John during an Urban Semester in Harrisburg. “I like this boy and I think I’m going to marry him,” she said when she first laid eyes on him. Nine months later, that’s exactly what she did. It was a solid hunch. They celebrated their 42nd anniversary last week.

Maryann and John settled down in Lancaster where they began to make a life together. Maryann would go back to school to become a RN and launch a varied and rewarding nursing career. She spent the last 14 years as a school nurse in the School District of Lancaster.

Maryann always had a home that was warm and welcoming. It was filled by her daughter, Rebecca, and her son, Chris, and most times, a few of their friends. Maryann loved to decorate the house for holidays, and cook and entertain for guests. Her homemade pizza, macaroni and cheese, and banana bread will never be forgotten. She loved her garden, knitting (although she never seemed to actually finish anything), and her cat, Annie. She was extremely giving with both her time and money, rarely forgot the birthdays of her beloved nine nieces and nephews (or their eight children), and had a wonderful sense of humor. This summer, Maryann became a Grandmother to Celia. She settled into her role as Grandmother instantly, providing the same unconditional love and support to Celia that she had always provided to those close to her.

In addition to her husband, John Caldwell, Maryann is survived by her son, Chris Caldwell; her daughter, Rebecca Salsbury, married to Ben Salsbury; granddaughter, Celia Salsbury; brothers Samuel Handsman and Russell Handsman; and sister, Maribeth Handsman.

All of us who knew and loved Maryann will be forever grateful for the joy, compassion and kindness that she brought to our lives. Despite our collective grief and sadness, we would like to say goodbye to Maryann with a celebration of a life that was full of hope, love and happiness.

A gathering for family and friends will take place Friday, October 18, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services, 528 West

Orange St., Lancaster, PA 17603 (corner of W. Orange and Pine). Please dress joyfully to help commemorate the way Maryann lived her life.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Maryann's name may be made to one of the following organizations: Hospice & Community Care, PO Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125 ([www.hospicecommunity.org](http://www.hospicecommunity.org)), or The Lancaster Public Library, 125 N. Duke St., Lancaster, PA 17602 ([www.lancaster.lib.pa.us](http://www.lancaster.lib.pa.us)).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Maryann H. Caldwell*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *To the Caldwell Family,*

*I was very sadden to hear of Mrs. Caldwell's passing, she was such a sweet women, I will cherish the memories and the scarf she knitted for me for a Christmas Gift when we worked together at Edward Hand Middle School. I have kept her in my prayers even though we did not see each other as much after my position was eliminated at Hand Sch. and I moved to the High School, she will be missed, you were blessed to have had such a wonderful women in your life. May God bless you and give you peace.*

*God Bless  
Elane Gray*

**Elane Gray** - October 12, 2013 at 02:07 PM



“ *Please accept my sincere sympathy on the recent loss of your dear loved one. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May the God of comfort be with you in this time of sorrow. May these words bring you hope, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning, nor outcry, nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:4) This promise will be fulfilled one day, until then, may all your memories sustain you in the days to come. Jw.org*

**Lisa** - October 06, 2013 at 07:59 AM

NO

“ Dear John, Rebecca and Chris,

*I never met anyone as lovely inside and out as Maryann. I didn't see her often over the past years, but when I did she carried a peacefulness that positively impacted all around. I prayed for her everytime I drove by your house. My thoughts are with you today and always.*

*Nancy*

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**Nancy O'Halloran** - September 30, 2013 at 02:35 PM

VP

“ John

*Am saddened to learn of your loss. Both you and Maryann were the pioneers of CSG and I often reflect on how much both of you did to help others. You are in our thoughts.*

*Valerie and Vic Poirier*

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**Vic Poirier** - September 30, 2013 at 01:27 PM

CS

“ John, Rebecca and Chris,

*Maryane was an inspiring woman and a truly lovely human being. I met you and Maryann in the 1970's through Michael Morton and subsequently worked at St. Joseph's Hospital with her. She was a wonderful nurse and a very caring person. I've thought about her quite a bit these past years and want you to know that the world is really a better place because of Maryann,*

*Carol Snyder*

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**Carol Snyder** - September 30, 2013 at 12:23 PM

AG

“ Dear Caldwell,

*My very deepest sympathy in the loss of Maryann. Such a lovely person will be sorely missed.*

*Sincerely,  
Ann Gallagher*

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**Ann Gallagher** - September 30, 2013 at 10:11 AM

WH

“ We are very sorry about Maryann. We know how much she will be missed. She was always a very kind and sincere lady. We always enjoyed her visits in our office.

*Our thoughts are with your family.*

*The Staff of West Lancaster Animal Hospital*

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**West Lancaster Animal Hospital** - September 30, 2013 at 09:34 AM

CD

“ John, Rebecca and Chris,

*So sorry for your loss. She was a great woman and will be missed by alot of people. Prayers to you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Coach Cindy, Matt and Aimee Drob*

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**Cindy Drob** - September 29, 2013 at 03:44 PM