



Marion M. Bruce

November 5, 1929 - September 2, 2010

MARION ELIZABETH MATTHEWS BRUCE, the only child of Dorothy Helena Trusty and Bernard Gillis was born on November 5, 1929 in Baltimore, Maryland. On Thursday, September 2, 2010 following a long illness, she departed this life.

Marion was educated in the Catholic School System. She attended St. Peter Claver's Catholic School. Marion accepted Christ as her savior while a young child and served Him at numerous Catholic churches in Baltimore throughout her lifetime. She was currently a member at the New All Saints Catholic Church

and still participated during her stay at the Future Care Nursing Home.

Her health prevented her from active membership; however she continued her support. Marion worked at Creighton Sausage Company on Etting Street. After about five years, Mr. Henry O. Parks asked her to work for his newly formed company, the Parks Sausage Company. She worked there as a meat stuffer for almost thirty years and retired because of illness.

Marion was affectionately known as "Nana" by her family or "Mert" by her co-workers and friends. She was well known as a kind and generous woman

and was quite supportive as the matriarch of her family. She was well-liked, loved, respected and adored by any and all with whom she made contact.

With

all that she endured, she never once complained or mistreated anyone. During her lifetime, Marion also became a seamstress and cosmetologist. She enjoyed buying clothes (especially shoes and glittery caps) and anything that related to fashion, cooking, entertaining and home decorating. She also loved traveling. One of her most memorable vacations was her cruise across seas on the Queen Elizabeth Two.

She married her first husband, Walter Monroe Matthews in 1947. While working for Parks; she met her second husband, Charles T. Bruce in 1954. He became the love of her life. They married in October of 1965. She was quite the social butterfly when she participated with her husband in all the events involving the social club he co-founded, "The Pyramids Incorporated". She also

participated in her own social club, "The Chatter Chicks" with one of her best friends and the godmother of two of her children, Rita Marshall.

With her husband, they exposed the family to happy times that included social gatherings and trips. This encouraged an unbreakable family union and resulted in the formation of the "Family Circle". The Family Circle is a support group which uplifts the spiritual, financial, emotional and physical well-being of the family.

She is survived by: her children, Jeannette, Dorothy, Walter, Sandra, Robert and Renee with whom her legacy continues; a brother, Bernard (Pee-wee) Gillis

Jr. along with other members of the Gillis family; daughter-in-law, June; son-in-law, David; fourteen grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. She also leaves

behind cousins, Jackie and Jerome and her long-time friend, Rita Marshall. She is also mourned by a host of family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

SEP 8. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

SEP 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

SEP 9. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

The New All Saints Roman Catholic Church
4408 Liberty Heights Avenue
Baltimore, MD

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Marion M. Bruce*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *GRANDMA, I miss you again and again but I know you hear me when I call on you. I love you and know you will be even more happier your best friend is on board;) keep looking down on me peace n blessing Grandma i miss you muah muah.*



Tonie Taylor - June 30, 2014 at 11:42 AM



“ *My dear "NaNa" I have miss you so very much. Your loving smiles and your giving heart. The years gone by has not eased the lost of your presence in this family. I miss you!*



Jeannette - June 30, 2014 at 07:07 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Grandma*



Dana Hall - September 05, 2010 at 02:24 PM

DH

“ *Dana Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of
Marion M. Bruce*



Dana Hall - September 05, 2010 at 01:58 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and
heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go
out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and
understand that you have received many expressions of love and
we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you
cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and
comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - September 03, 2010 at 02:42 PM