



Margaret "Nita" Juanita Latter Gary

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"A bit younger me at Niagara Falls on the Maid of the Mist, waving goodbye to everyone... with love!"

Born a 1933 depression baby on May 24th (Queen Victoria's birthday, which delighted her Canadian grandfather), Nita grew up in Kent County, married and reared her children in New Castle County, and in 1980 moved to Lewes in Sussex County, liking it best. She was a 'late bird' graduate of U. of Del., and retired from the, then, College of Marine Studies in 1994. Always the ham, she was a member (and long-time chief bartender) of Possum Point Players Community Theatre, both onstage and backstage and sound effects person for its subgroup, the Ad Hoc Touring Co. (now PPP Radio Theater Co.). She was so happy to have almost completed her bucket list - at least able to visit all 50 states of our beautiful U.S.A. So much contentment was found reading, cross-stitching, crafting, starting her day with crossword puzzles, and learning, learning, learning.

She survived three bouts of ovarian cancer, only mentioning it to perk up someone, assuring them that it isn't a death sentence and that a positive attitude does help one survive. She also gives many thanks to the medical profession for helping her reach a jolly old age.

Survivors are her son Dean L. Gary (Judy), daughters Lynne G Laino (Vince), Dawn P. G Reyes (Eduardo), Gwen M. Reamer (Mike), 11 grandchildren, Gig, Tripp, Andrew, Steffany, Samantha, Molly, MacKenzie, Annie, Melissa, Justin, Adam, and 5 great grandchildren, Lilliana, Cameron, Sophia, and Nani and Yovani. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frederick, and Margaret Latter, her sister, Eileen, and her grandson, Jeffrey Alan.

Nita said that she was so thankful for her kids who, she insisted, grew up well IN spite of her. She also called herself one lucky duck to have found so many friends (her "possums"), especially her



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good neighbors, John, and Carol Bismark.

Having hosted a couple of disastrous parties, thus fearing if a wake were held no one would come, Nita elected to have only a private service and burial.

She leaves those she loved with some words of a favorite anonymous poem: 'Live your life, laugh again, enjoy yourself, be free. Then I know with every breath you take; you'll be taking one for me.'

If it is your pleasure, contributions may be made to your favorite charity or to the group in which she was happiest - Possum Point Players, P. O. Box 96, Georgetown, DE 19947.

Please sign Nita's guest book located on the tribute page.



Tribute Wall

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MM

Michael J Murnin posted:

Missing Nita. I was just preparing my Christmas cards, and was sad to remove her lable from the list. Truly a remarkable lady. Merry Christmas in heaven, my dear friend.

November 3 at 3:41 AM

SM

Sue Meyer posted:

Oh Nita! The world is a bit dimmer with your passing. I laughed and cried when I read your obit. I'm sure you had a hand in writing it! You supported me through my battle with cancer and we won! Loving memories of PPP and Ad Hoc. Sad when we left Lewes for beautiful Willow Valley but so blessed we got down to see you. "Grief is the price we pay for love" and you were so loved! Love you! Sue Meyer

August 11 at 6:07 AM

EJ

Elvira J. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Margaret "Nita".



July 31 at 5:04 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gary family.



July 31 at 2:26 PM

MF

Melissa Fields posted:

My family and I were immensely fortunate to have known and loved "Nan" (as we knew her). She was witty, feisty, and so so loving. I was blessed enough to have joined her family for Thanksgiving one year, and I loved her as soon as I met her ❤️ She instantly loved and bonded with my baby girl, giving me a precious photo that just shows her beaming with love. I send my most heart felt condolences to her family and loved ones. May her light and love guide you to rejoice in her memory 🙏 Love you all, The Fields family

July 29 at 4:14 PM



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JW

Joyce Williamson posted:

I don't remember ever meeting your Mom but she sounds like a talented fun loving woman. Lynne, I can see where you get so many of your talents and personality from. I only pray I can live my life as full as she did! So sorry for your loss but wow what a wonderful life lived!

July 29 at 5:26 AM

PK

Patrick Kerr posted:

Dear Lynne, Dean, Dawn and Gwen, I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. I only have a few memories, (we were all so young!) but even as a little kid, I remember noticing how clever and smart Nita was. A true force of nature. So lively and smart with a million projects going at any given time. I remember her being so welcoming to me, and your house was like a wonderland to me. You guys always had the best Halloween costumes in the neighborhood! The few snapshots I have from when we were kids were taken, or at least preserved by your Mom. (Thanks Lynne- they mean so much to me!). I send you all love and deep condolences. An enormous loss. Sincerely from your friend and neighbor, Pat Kerr

July 26 at 11:15 AM

LL

Lynne Laino July 31 at 11:39 AM

Love you Patrick, we have such nice memories of growing up in Forest Brook Glen.

CM

Christine Marie shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

This was the legendary Nita at Possum Point Players in 2015. She was the bright light that greeted everyone with a smile as they entered the theater. I enjoyed getting to know her and having lots of laughs and conversations with dear Nita. The theater will never be the same.



July 25 at 1:52 PM



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AW

Alice Williams posted:

Dear Gary Friends: I am so sad to hear of your mom's passing yet I couldn't help smile while reading the beautiful tribute of her life. Your mother was truly a smart, active, busy, kind woman who enjoyed so many special things and LOVED all of you. I have so many fond memories of "Welsh Rabbit" and your mother's stories at dinner time. Her lithe figure and "fancy" work clothes. Her sweet professional voice when she answered the phone. Her zippy little turquoise car that she would park right at the bottom of the circle so she never really had to make the trek around the top. Always busy! Always zooming off to work or family or fun! What a truly lovely woman. You are all so smart, kind, and generous because of her and your Dad. I wish you only happy memories and pray that thinking of her brings more smiles than tears. Alice Joseph Williams

July 24 at 2:43 PM

LL

Lynne Laino July 25 at 4:34 AM

Alice, I'm blown away by your perfect description of Mom, it's like you painted a perfect picture in that time. I'm so grateful to you for sharing your memories of Mom ❤️

AB

Andrew B. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Margaret "Nita".



July 24 at 2:24 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Margaret "Nita" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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