



Marion McManus Smith

February 14, 1929 - April 22, 2026

Marion McManus Smith, age 97, passed away peacefully on April 22, 2026, surrounded by her children, leaving behind a remarkable legacy of love, strength, compassion, and laughter.

For nearly a century, Marion witnessed a changing world and met it with resilience, wisdom, and grace. She devoted her life to caring for others, both within her family and in her professional calling.

Born in Brooklyn, NY on February 14, 1929, to Marion (Clarke) McManus and John J. McManus, Marion enjoyed having a Valentine Birthday. She was a graduate of St. Catherine's School of Nursing in Brooklyn and worked as an Operating Room nurse until she met her late husband of 54 years Joseph S. Smith, Sr. and with him raised their eight children. Their marriage was a testament to enduring love, partnership, and devotion to family.

After locating to the greater Cleveland area, Marion returned to her nursing career and served as a geriatric nurse for 15 years at Menorah Park Home for the Aging, where she provided comfort, dignity, and skilled care to residents and their families. At Menorah Park Marion met her dear friends Judy, Celeste and Trula, "The Bridge Club", who after retirement have gathered weekly to share in life's joys and trials.

Marion is survived by her eight children: Marita (Fred) Perlak of St. Louis, MO; Loretto (Walter) Hrycenko of Toms River, NJ; Joseph S. Smith, Jr. (Meredith) of Riverside, CT; John Smith of Phoenix, AZ; Ellie (Chris) Chalko of Willowick, OH; Bill Smith (Denise) of Eastlake, OH; Vincent Smith of Willowick, OH; and

Regina (John) DeFalco of Wyckoff, NJ. She was the proud grandmother of 16 and great-grandmother of 11, each of whom brought her immense joy and pride.

Her greatest happiness was found in her family. She offered unconditional love, and a listening ear to generations who were blessed to call her mother, grandmother, aunt and friend. Even in challenging moments, she had a way of bringing light and laughter to those around her. Her stories, her quick wit, and her warm laughter will remain treasured gifts in the hearts of all who knew her. Marion's family would like to thank the staff at Vitalia of Highland Heights and Miracle City Hospice for their care and support, and especially our "other sister" Marcia McKinney for her friendship and dedication in caring for our mother.

Marion's Funeral Mass will be celebrated by her grandson, Fr. Kevin Hrycenko on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 10AM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church 29850 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, Ohio. Relatives and friends are invited to the visitation on Sunday, April 26, 2026 from 3-7 PM at Monreal Srnick Funeral Home 35400 Curtis Blvd. Eastlake, Ohio 44095.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to The St. Vincent DePaul Society at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Monreal Srnick Funerals & Cremations
35400 Curtis Blvd.
Eastlake, OH 44095

Funeral Mass

APR **27.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
29850 Euclid Avenue
Wickliffe, OH 44092

Tribute Wall

SG

“ *The Northeast Ohio Nurse Honor Guard wishes to express our sincere condolences to the family and friends of nurse, Marion McManus Smith.*

We thank her for her contribution to caring for others and representing the nursing profession with trust, dignity and respect. Your nurse colleagues will take over from here.

Rest in peace.

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Secretary Northeast Ohio Nurse Honor Gua - May 02 at 08:42 PM

EC

Thank you so much! Marion was a dedicated nurse who kept her licence active until the age of 95. We appreciate your kind words. ~The family of Marion Smith

Ellie Chalko - May 07 at 03:54 PM

RB

“ *Regan Braun purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marion McManus Smith.*



Regan Braun - April 25 at 08:19 PM

RB

“ Regan Braun planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marion McManus Smith.

Regan Braun - April 25 at 08:19 PM

DE

“ Danielle, Andy, Jackson, and Ellis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marion McManus Smith.



Danielle, Andy, Jackson, and Ellis - April 25 at 03:18 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marion McManus Smith.



April 25 at 02:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marion McManus Smith.

April 25 at 02:05 PM

MM

“ My favorite memories of Marion will always be the times she and Betty Mulligan would run laughing into the waves on the Seaside Park beach- they were in their 70's or 80's at the time!

maureen maroney - April 25 at 11:34 AM

LC

“ Love always, The Jim Smith cousins purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Marion McManus Smith.



Love always, The Jim Smith cousins - April 25 at 09:15 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Marion McManus Smith.



April 25 at 01:24 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marion McManus Smith.

April 25 at 01:24 AM

MM

“ I have so many memories of Marion, having been her younger cousin and having had a real case of hero worship. I remember that Marion and Joe drove to Breezy Point with all the children and Joe’s brother, who was employed by the newspaper, documented their journey from Ohio to Breezy. The photo published in the newspaper (The Daily News??) that forever was imprinted on my memory, was of Marion making P&J sandwiches for the whole brood, assembly line fashion! Marion was the reason I followed her lead to Saint Catherine’s Hospital School of Nursing. She was a lovely role model! Cousin Marjorie McManus

Marjorie McManus - April 24 at 06:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Marion McManus Smith.



April 24 at 05:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marion McManus Smith.

April 24 at 05:42 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marion McManus Smith.



April 24 at 05:14 PM



“ Your McManus Cousins purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Marion McManus Smith.



Your McManus Cousins - April 24 at 11:22 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Marion McManus Smith.



April 24 at 08:14 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marion McManus Smith.

April 24 at 08:14 AM

BG

“ 1 file added to the album Countryside neighbors



Bob Geier - April 24 at 12:36 AM

BG

Marion, Joe, and all the Smiths were the anchor of the neighborhood. I have nothing but the warmest memories of Christmas Carols, hanging out with Bill, singing with the family during meal cleanup. Mostly, though, Thom and I will be forever grateful for Marion's kindness and support for our mom Marie during her long struggle with MS, and for our dad Dick.

*May the angels lead her into paradise,
The martyrs come to welcome her,
And take her to the Holy City,
The New Jerusalem.*

Bob Geier - April 24 at 12:42 AM

GT

“ My condolences 🙏 to the family. I will always remember when I was in Brownies and Girl Scouts growing up and for the fun activities we did. Those were the best of times.



Thank you, Mrs. Smith, for all you did to make my childhood fun!

Gia Turella - April 23 at 08:06 PM

JT

“ Sorry to hear about "Aunt" Marion. I always remember her at big family events that we, the "other Smiths", might be attending. Laughing, kind, loving to all, a great wit, and such a beauty! Praying for her family in this time of remembrance of a life well lived.

JoAnne and Ken Taylor (Sid & Joan Smith's daughter)

JoAnne Taylor - April 23 at 07:37 PM

BJ

“ Bob, Mary Ann, Andrew and Jessica purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marion McManus Smith.



Bob, Mary Ann, Andrew and Jessica - April 23 at 05:46 PM

BJ

“ Bob, Mary Ann, Andrew and Jessica planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marion McManus Smith.

Bob, Mary Ann, Andrew and Jessica - April 23 at 05:46 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marion McManus Smith.



April 23 at 03:49 PM