



## Marion F Campbell

August 12, 1924 - July 27, 2017

Marion Frances Campbell (nee Geoghegan) of Sarasota, FL passed peacefully on July 27, 2017. The daughter of Lillian (nee Tansey) and Dennis, she was sandwiched between teasing brothers who no doubt greeted her at the pearly gates proclaiming she was too late to get in. Born August 12, 1924 in New York City, Marion was proud of her lively extended Irish-American family. She was preceded in death by her brothers John and Joseph, her beloved son William Jesse Campbell (Kari) and her husband of 27 years, Kenneth. She is survived by her darling daughter, Cathleen Campbell Stone (Howard) and cherished grandson, Casey Campbell of Atlanta, GA.

Graduating St. Cecilia's high school and a year of business training by the Grace Institute at just 15, she embarked on her executive career with Grace Shipping Lines in New York eventually being promoted to Administrative Assistant to the head of all South American shipping before retiring to motherhood. She felt her greatest achievements were her son and daughter in whom she was abundantly proud. Her work with the international shipping conglomerate during the war and especially her small part in the success of the Battle of Normandy inspired a lifelong enthusiasm for politics and supporting charitable causes. A passionate writer, Marion crafted a semi-autobiographical accounting of her life which she gifted to family and friends. Night classes at Fordham rounded her education helping her become a respected paralegal working on groundbreaking litigation cases.

Our beloved Marion will be remembered for her strong Catholic faith and devotion to the Blessed Mother coupled with her brilliant mind, sharp wit and zany sense of humor which carried her through the Great Depression, World War II and countless wrong turns since she lacked any sense of direction much to the amusement of countless police officers in the tristate area. From racing her favorite horse Josey across Central Park to clubbing in pre-Castro Cuba, sailing aboard a stranger's yacht in Mexico or giggling her way across Ireland, hers was an epic journey in which she constantly praised the glory of God.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be said on August 12, 2017 at 10:00am at the Church of the Incarnation, 2901 Bee Ridge Rd, Sarasota, FL with internment immediately following in the church's Memorial Garden. Marion would dearly love to be remembered with any prayer, especially a Mass for the Repose of the Soul which can be organized by calling your local Catholic church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be sent to the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, <https://maryknollsociety.org>. Condolences may be sent to Marion's family by visiting <http://www.gendronfuneralhome.com>.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marion F Campbell*

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October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Marion F Campbell*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM

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“ *Cathleen, my heart goes out to you. Losing your brother, your father, and now your dear mother.*

*Your mom and I met in 1983, when I joined the law firm where she also worked. She didn't especially care for me in the beginning, but we became good friends after getting to know each other, and we remained good friends for over 30 years.*

*Marion was one of the strongest women I've ever known, and you always knew where you stood with her. She never hesitated to speak her mind, and she lived her life on her own terms for as long as she was able.*

*I was amazed by your mother's strong faith, which saw her through many disappointments and sadness in her life. But there were also many wonderful times. I never tired of hearing her funny stories about growing up in NY, and especially about her time during the war at Grace Shipping Lines, then becoming a young bride and mother. She was very proud of you and Jesse.*

*I can hardly believe that I can't pick up the phone and call her. We spoke almost every day. I, of course, know she's in a better place, and at peace, but I dearly miss her, and I always will.*

*Pam Seace*

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**Pamela Seace** - August 11, 2017 at 03:01 PM

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“ *Birgit & Neil purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marion F Campbell.*



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**Birgit & Neil** - August 05, 2017 at 08:01 AM