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Joan Margaret Read, a fiercely independent and self-made woman, passed away peacefully on June 20, 2026, at the age of 93.

Born on September 21, 1932, in Chesham, England, Joan immigrated to America in 1956 at the age of 24 to join her older sister in Baltimore, beginning a new chapter that would become a life filled with hard work, resilience, and lasting friendships.

Joan worked for many years at Hampden Moving & Storage before accepting the position of Resident Manager at Harper House in the Village of Cross Keys. Over several decades there, she became a familiar and beloved presence, forming countless friendships and creating a welcoming community for residents and visitors alike. Her warmth, reliability, and caring nature endeared her to many.

A woman of remarkable determination, Joan built her life on her own terms. She lived independently on Falls Road for many years, taking great pride in her home and in the life she created for herself. Her strength, resilience, and self-reliance were hallmarks of her character. When her health began to decline, she moved to Symphony Manor, where she spent her final years. Her family is deeply grateful to the many healthcare professionals and caregivers at Symphony Manor whose compassion, kindness, and attentive care brought comfort and dignity to Joan throughout her time there.

Joan will be remembered for her strength, independence, perseverance, and the many friendships she cultivated throughout her life. She leaves behind family and friends who will miss her dearly and cherish the memories they shared with her.

A celebration of Joan's life will be held at a later date. Details will be announced when arrangements have been finalized.

May her memory be a blessing.