



## Mrs. Suzanne Geraghty Huesman

May 7, 1929 - December 11, 2017

Suzanne Geraghty Huesman, passed away at the Maples Senior Living Facility in Towson on December 11, 2017. She was an extraordinary mother, wife, grandmother, sister and friend.

Suzanne Marie Geraghty was born in Baltimore on May 7, 1929, and she was raised at 2225 St. Paul Street. St Paul Street was then also home to a street car line and the original campus of Goucher College. She was the youngest of five children born to the late Dr. William R. Geraghty and Susan Marie Dillon (nee), a nurse, both of whom were the children of Irish immigrants. Susan Marie Dillon hailed from Frostburg, and William R. Geraghty was raised in the Irish-American enclave of Baltimore's 10th Ward, centered at Valley and Eager Streets. Dr. William R. Geraghty would later become Chief of Surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital.

On July 31, 1935, at age six, Suzanne achieved notoriety when The Baltimore News and The Post published her picture and announced that Suzanne, over thousands of other applicants, was chosen as Baltimore's closest rival to Shirley Temple's famous "Curly Top." The proud Shirley Temple look-alike and her mother accepted her prize, an all-expense paid vacation, traveling on an Old Bay Line steamboat and staying in the Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach, VA.

Suzanne graduated from Notre Dame Preparatory High School in 1946, less than a year after the end of World War II, and she matriculated to Notre Dame of Maryland College, graduating in 1950. Her commendable attainment in biological science was recognized by the college, and after graduation, Suzanne pursued opportunities that may have been unavailable to women prior to the war. In September 1951, she secured part time employment with Johns Hopkins University as an Instructor of Science in the Nurses Educational Unit. There she dissected human cadavers with nursing students. In April of 1952, she accepted a full-time position as a Bacteriologist IV with the State of Maryland Department of Health, and by 1959, had achieved the level of Bacteriologist II. She loved her work, and throughout her life remained loyal to her Department of Health supervisor, mentor and friend.

After a short courtship, Suzanne married her husband, Joseph Ignatius Huesman, on December 26, 1959. Joe was an attorney and a founding partner of Lerch and Huesman, which resided in the Old Court Savings and Loan building at Calvert and Redwood Streets. He was later a founding partner of Huesman Jones and Miles, LLC, located in Towson. Suzanne resigned from her employment after marriage, and for the remainder of her life wholeheartedly pursued her duties as a wife and mother.

The Huesmans lived in Towson for 56 years and raised two children, Susan Huesman Mitchell, an attorney in Rehoboth Beach, DE, and Joseph I. Huesman, Jr. of Fair Haven, NJ, who has a career in finance. Suzanne instilled her work ethic and values in her children. She insisted they choose to be participants in life, and that they always be willing to try new things. She firmly believed that all available opportunities, no matter how frightening, should be taken. When her children were teenagers, Suzanne returned to work for a short time as a bacteriologist for a privately-owned lab in Towson, and then, for many years, as a hostess at the family owned Mitchell-Wiedefeld Funeral Home in Baltimore. Joe and Sue remained loyal spouses for fifty

years until Joe's death on March 3, 2010.

It was, above all, Suzanne's lifelong mission to maintain the family unit during difficult times. A product of her time, the hardships of her generation taught her well. As a member of the Greatest Generation, her lifetime spanned the Great Depression, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. She was a steadfast family member. She cared for both her mother and father in their later years, and she and her husband provided legal counsel and assistance to numerous family members throughout their lives.

It takes a village to raise a child, and Suzanne's children will be forever grateful for the cadre of loyal, loving and fun-loving friends and family that helped to raise them. Throughout her married life, Suzanne avidly pursued tennis and golf, perhaps primarily to establish and maintain a network of friends and fun. While her children were young, she volunteered, hosted crab feasts, pulled all-nighters creating Halloween costumes, and enjoyed annual family vacations in Ocean City, MD with an army of comrades. In her later years she enjoyed her long-time membership at the Country Club of Maryland, and annual golf trips to Florida with the "OS" club.

In addition to her son and daughter, Mrs. Huesman is survived by four grandchildren, 23 nieces and nephews, and countless great nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Carmelite Monastery, Notre Dame of Maryland University and the Alzheimer's Association.

Interment private.

Those desiring may make contributions in her name to the Carmelite Monastery, Notre Dame University of Maryland and Greater Maryland Chapter

of the Alzheimer's Association.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Church  
200 Ware Avenue  
Towson, MD 21204

## Memorial Mass

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# Tribute Wall

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Tia (Mary T.) Forrester-Whipps*

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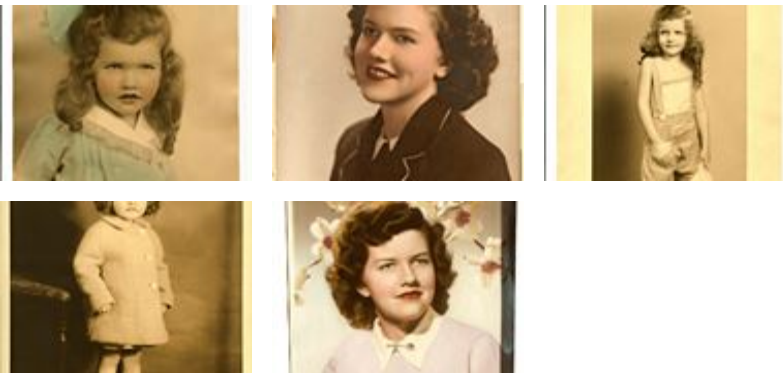
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