



Marion L McHugh

December 13, 2025

The final chapter of a career, public-school librarian was written on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025.

Marion Louise McHugh, (nee Overpeck) passed away peacefully at Fellowship Manor after spending the day with friends and family.

Marion was born in Allentown on Sept. 2, 1935, to Mary and Herbert Overpeck, who preceded her in death. Along with her parents, Marion was preceded in death by her infant brother John , husband Jack and dear friend David Black.

Marion dedicated three decades of her life to elementary and junior high school students in the Allentown School District where she served as a librarian, a fitting vocation for a person whose high school yearbook graduation picture was perched above the caption that read: “Thrives on reading books.”

Marion was a 1953 graduate of Allentown High School and upon graduation attended Penn State University for her first three years of college then completed her final year of undergraduate studies at Cedar Crest College in Allentown from which she graduated with a business degree earning Magna CumLaude status in 1957.

Marion enjoyed 53 years of marriage to Allentown native John F. McHugh.

They were married in 1956 and raised two boys—Joseph born in 1958 and Michael who arrived in 1961. They were career ASD educators with Jack beginning his career in the elementary school classroom and later as a principal of the Horne, Livingston, Roosevelt, Wilson and his 1949 Alma Mater, William Allen High School. In retirement, he served as a Lehigh County commissioner for 19 years.

Marion was a librarian at several ASD schools including Stevens Elementary, Harrison-Morton Junior High School, Central's Sixth Grade Center and Raub Junior High School from where she retired.

The couple enjoyed traveling the world with friends and on National Education Association tours where Jack served as a guide. During their careers and in retirement, they enjoyed fellowship with other ASD teachers and dancing at local cotillions. Marion and Jack loved vacationing in Orlando's Disney World and decorated their home with many Disney-themed photos and memorabilia. They were proud of their son's educational accomplishments with Joe graduating from American University and Mike from Georgetown University. After the boys graduated and remained in Washington, D.C., Marion and Jack became frequent visitors to the Nation's Capital.

When Jack died in 2010, Marion remained stoic and strong but didn't stay a lonely widow for too long. In 2012, a family friend who lost his wife—Eleanor in 2011--came knocking. Marion's "gentleman caller" as he referred to David Black, a 1951 AHS graduate and former resident of Allentown's West End, was a consummate gentleman who brought her into his family that was spread out in California, Texas, Illinois and Ohio. Though they continued to maintain their respective residences in Allentown and Emmaus, Marion and Dave spent quality time together traveling the United States or retreating to his Berk's County river house.

After Dave's sudden passing in 2024 and mom's progressive cognitive

decline, the care for her was provided by her two sons, Joe's wife Meg and sister Grace. The family would like to thank Dennis and Nancy Blankowitsch, Lorraine Lewis and Jack's cousins and nieces for their continued support and friendship over many decades. The family is grateful for the care provided by the staff at Fellowship Manor in Whitehall, Pa, where Marion briefly resided and from where she passed from severe vascular dementia.

Survivors include her sons Joseph McHugh (Meg) of Washington, D.C., Michael McHugh (Kathy) of Swansboro, N.C., grandson Timothy McHugh (Carrie) of Raleigh, N.C., sister Grace Miley (William), niece Melinda Bowman (Walt), niece Laura Tinter (Steve) and nephew Michael Miley (Eileena) plus a total of seven grand nieces and nephews.

Marion will be interred next to her husband in Cedar Hill Cemetery's mausoleum. The family will hold a celebration of life at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Allentown School District Foundation at ASDFoundation@allentownsd.org or by calling (484) 765-4121.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Mausoleum

1700 Airport Rd.
Allentown, PA 18109

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marion L McHugh.*



February 20 at 09:01 PM



“ *On behalf of Fellowship Community, I want to extend our deepest sympathies over the passing of Marion. She was a gracious person and it was our privilege to have had a part in her care. I trust she experienced something of the great love of Christ while at Fellowship Community.*

I pray God's good comfort in Christ will be yours at this time and that you will find much hope and encouragement in the promise of eternal life for those whose faith and trust is in the Lord Jesus.

*With sincere sympathy,
Pastor Laszlo*

Pastor Laszlo - December 22, 2025 at 09:40 AM

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Marion was so beautiful inside and out. Her husband Jackie used to say to me isn't since she's beautiful isn't my Marion beautiful I said."she sure is and I really meant that she really was a beautiful looking woman. He loved her so dearly and he wasn't afraid to share it with other people He, stated I truly truly love my wife Marion. We used to go out as a group of family related twice a week for dinner and laugh. We'd have the restaurant going crazy just our laughter were so loud not Marion. She was very reserved to smile gently but we had so much fun. She just listened and smiled, and there were certain few that always did all the talking and with the rest of us we just basically listen and enjoy ourselves so much after Jackie passed away. Marion and I went for lunch. It was the old sailors restaurant where they had a particular table and chair set with Jackie and Marion's name above the back of the wall, she said, they gave us and dedicated it to us cause they went there so much. I thought that was really quite beautiful of the of the people that owned the business. I would go to visit her once in a while at the house or call and just say hello, how are you doing? Doing anything special just little chitchat stuff. But I found her to be such a treasure to me. I had some things I needed off my back and she was the perfect woman to listen because she also could see what I was saying. She would hug me and tell me she can't do anything about it, but she's here to listen to me if that's enough and I said yes that is plenty because I knew whatever I said, she took it in and prayed for me. I will really miss Marion very much. She was quite a beautiful kind good hearted woman and I enjoyed the company that the family spent together laughing joking, making her smile and Jackie, of course was the center of our attention, but sometimes we made him listen to us too and he's always so fascinating to me and I loved him very Much. His father and my mother were brother and sister Nellie Janel and Don Mchugh Joe Mchugh Roger Mchugh, Jim, Mchugh, James Mchugh they were all brothers and all belonged to uncle John Mchugh and they were all Jackie's uncles and my mom was his first cousin and I was a second. I really miss them both very much for different reasons, but I did love them both very much, Marion. May God be with you always I'm sure by now you're sitting at the right hand of the father in heaven. I know you deserve to be there. We will miss you on this earth, but you have left a lot of wonderful treasurable memories. I'll miss you dearly. I love you . I'll miss you dearly. Kathy NAU. ❤️🙏🙏

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Kathleen Nau - February 15 at 10:17 PM

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“ Sorry to see Marion passed away. I met her while cleaning for Dave. She was a lovely lady. Sherry

sherry yesik - December 20, 2025 at 09:19 AM

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“ To the McHugh family, I am so sorry for your loss. Mary was a wonderful neighbor. I enjoyed our conversations very much. Her kindness and laughter will greatly be missed. Much love. Holly

Holly Vazquez - December 17, 2025 at 07:28 PM

JW

“ Marion was my librarian when I attended Harrison Morton Jr. High and I continued to see her from time to time throughout the years. She was a wonderful person and will be fondly remembered.

Jack Walter - December 15, 2025 at 06:49 PM



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Trexler Funeral Home, Inc. - December 15, 2025 at 02:06 PM