

MARJORIE BEESON ENGEL



Age 78, of Eagles Mere, PA, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at a retirement home near Pittsburgh.

Marjorie (Marjorie Holmes Vandergrift Beeson) Engel was born in Pasadena, CA, on January 24, 1945, the daughter of Henry Robinson Beeson and June (Marjorie Holmes Vandergrift) Beeson. She graduated from Uniontown (PA) High School in 1963 and attended

Mansfield College before moving to Washington, D.C., to work for Riggs Bank. Her father was an attorney who, in World War II, was a P-38 Lightning pilot and who earned a Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters. Her mother was a director in community theater and an entrepreneur. Marjorie was a descendant of Captain Jacob Jay Vandegrift of Pittsburgh, for whom Vandergrift, PA, was named.

She met Steven R. Engel, the love of her life, while in Washington, and they were married in Eagles Mere, PA, on May 27, 1967.

During 20 years of military service, Steve and Marjorie lived in Panama, Arizona, Massachusetts, and Maryland. After Steve's army retirement, they lived in North Carolina. In 1984, they returned to Eagles Mere to manage Carousel Cottage (formerly Flora Villa Inn) with her children, Gus and Mimi, and her mother, June. Overseeing Carousel, Marjorie assumed many roles, from top chef, gardener and reservationist to wife, mother, and daughter.

They briefly lived Williamsport and North Carolina before returning to and retiring in Eagles Mere in 2006.

Marjorie was an avid game player who loved to play bridge, scrabble, and bingo and would attempt to enlist anyone within reach to join her in a game. She loved the community of Eagles Mere.

Marjorie was predeceased by her parents; husband, Steve; and brother, George Robinson "Rob" Beeson. She is survived by her daughter, Mimi; son Gus and his wife, Annie and their children, Will, Rory, and Jack; her brother, Richard Hoe and his wife, Lynne; and her sister-in-law, Rob's wife, Laurie Mitchell Beeson.

A memorial celebration of her life will take place August of 2024 in Eagles Mere.

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