



## Margaret Latzo

December 20, 1926 - May 16, 2018

First Lieutenant Margaret Louise (Beck) Latzo, 91, resident of The Springs of Mooresville and formerly of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was reunited with her late husband, Joe and was peacefully called home to be with the Lord in Heaven at 2:37a.m., on Wednesday, May 16, 2018. The only child of the late Frederick Charles and Emma (Romig) Beck, she was born on December 20, 1926, in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Margaret graduated from Springfield High School and attended Drexel University, where she majored in Food Administration & Dietetics. Shortly after earning a BS from Drexel University, Margaret bravely enlisted in the United States Army and actively served her country as a dietician during the Korean conflict. While on active duty, she fell in love with a WWII and Korea officer, Captain Joseph Latzo; to whom she was united in marriage in Augsburg, Germany on March 21, 1952. Honorably discharged the following September, Margaret was ranked as a first lieutenant and set out to establish a family of her own. Joe retired from the military to begin a career in government service and Margaret was able stay at home to raise Steve and Carol.

Sharing the same interests as her husband, the Latzo's were active members of the Gideons International, avid rock collectors, and enjoyed creating stone jewelry together. They visited various churches and distributed Gideon New Testaments. They attended various craft and hobby shows where they would

sell and speak about rocks. After Joe's second retirement, they traveled the world together. A very detail-orientated and organized woman, Margaret thoroughly documented her life travels and had a detailed log of pictures and descriptions of each site and place. Having experienced more destinations and travel than most couples, their journey was called to an end in 1998 when Joe went to Heaven. Full of passion and courage, Margaret set out alone on a trip to Washington State, where she crossed paths with another widow and found a friend and travel companion. A life lived to the fullest, she will be deeply missed by all who were blessed to know her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frederick and Emma (Romig) Beck and spouse, Captain Joseph Latzo, Ret.

Survivors include her son, Steven Charles Latzo of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; daughter, Carol Susan Porter (husband, Mark) of Martinsville, Indiana; grandchildren, Jessica Porter of Long Beach, California, Jared Porter of Tampa, Florida, and Johanna Brewster (husband, Aaron) of Wisconsin; and two great grandchildren, Micah and Ivy Brewster of Wisconsin.

The family will gather privately to pay respects at Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia, with Pastor Steve Rich officiating services in Indiana. A Graveside Service with Full Military Honors will promptly begin at 9:00a.m., on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia, where she will be laid to rest with Joe. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lifegate Inc., PO Box 5, Monrovia, IN 46157 or online at <https://www.godssimpleplan.org/donate>. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence to the family or light a candle in her memory visit [www.lightmemorial.com](http://www.lightmemorial.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

38.878315, -77.068612  
Arlington, VA 22211

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP **25**. 9:00 AM (ET)

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