



Mary Catherine Willis Hagan

March 16, 1939 - January 26, 2022

Mary Catherine “Cathy” Willis Hagan passed away on Wednesday, January 26th at the age of 82 with her daughters at her side. She was born and raised in Savannah, GA to her late parents; Allen and Catherine Willis.

Growing up in Savannah, Mary loved to climb trees with her cousins, go barefoot and sing. She graduated with honors from St. Vincent's Academy (SVA), a private, Catholic, all-female high school in downtown Savannah, where she bonded with a group of Savannah girls who remained friends all their lives. Mary attended Armstrong College and the University of Georgia where she met and married her late husband, Harry Hagan.

Mary left Savannah after getting married and continued a trek across the country living in South Carolina, Ohio, Maryland, New York and Florida. She and Harry owned and operated radio stations, was a Disc Jockey and radio celebrity in Blountstown and Perry, FL known as “Miss Cathy.” Mary loved her children, her grandchildren and, actually, ALL children. A staunch Irish Catholic, Mary’s love for God, admiration for Jesus and devotion to the Blessed Mother Mary was apparent in her everyday life and throughout her many years of service to her prison ministries.

Mary is survived by her daughters; Diane Hagan Scherff, Lee Anne Hagan and Christine Hagan, and late son, Skip Hagan and four grandchildren;

Brandon and Savannah Scherff, Lance and Landon Hagan.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 9:00 a.m. Saturday January 29, 2022 at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine.

Interment will be in Greenwich Cemetery in Savannah, GA on Monday 3:15 p.m. January 31, 2022.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Greenwich Cemetery

330 Greenwich Road
Savannah, GA 31404

Previous Events

A Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 29. 9:00 AM (ET)

Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustin
38 Cathedral Pl
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Burial

JAN 31. 3:15 PM (ET)

Greenwich Cemetery
330 Greenwich Road
Savannah, GA 31404

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Catherine Willis Hagan*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - January 28, 2022 at 04:46 PM

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“ *I first met Cathy (and Harry) when I was 15 years old, looking for a job in the radio station. Cathy asked me to come back at 16, when I'd be able to go on-air, and I did. That job - and her mentorship - changed my life for the better. I spent most of my high school days and summers in the radio station, listening to Cathy sharing memories of her beloved children, growing up in Catholic school, and living in other cities. She was one of the few people who supported me in each of my endeavors, never batting an eye as to whether I could do it or not, even when it meant moving straight to NYC. Her work ethic, passion to help others, and love of dogs were tenants I keep close to my heart to this day. I was so very lucky to have met her and known her.*

Megan Hall - August 15, 2024 at 10:33 AM



“ 68 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - January 28, 2022 at 04:40 PM

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“ *Barry, Liz, and Mary Doepp purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Catherine Willis Hagan.*



Barry, Liz, and Mary Doepp - January 28, 2022 at 11:50 AM

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“ *Love, The BNI Hurricanes purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mary Catherine Willis Hagan.*



Love, The BNI Hurricanes - January 28, 2022 at 11:47 AM

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“ *Chrissie, Lee Anne, Diane, Dave, Brandon, Savannah, and the rest of the family;*

Our deepest and sincerest condolences on the loss of Aunt Mary Catherine Willis Hagan (otherwise nicknamed by Savannah as "Nana Puddin'). I know this is a tough time as I lost my wife Beth Sheahan Doepp to heavenly glory after a long battle with Cancer 1 and 1/2 years ago after 30 years of marriage and 2 extremely beautiful daughters with her.

it's not the same type of emptiness for y'all as to what I am living with, but an emptiness or void in y'all's life nonetheless. She was y'all's momma, grandma, etc. and you all were very close. Prayers to all the surviving family members as well as for Aunt Mary Catherine's soul in heaven. She was a good Catholic and you all followed in her footsteps well! Gods blessings on her soul and all of yours as well. She will be missed!

All our love and sympathy,

Barry R Doepp, Elizabeth (Liz) Doepp, and Mary Doepp

Barry R Doepp - January 28, 2022 at 11:34 AM