



Maureen Lilian Houghton

July 30, 1936 - February 2, 2014

Maureen Lilian Houghton, 77, passed away on February 2, 2014, at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque. Her immediate family was with her at her bedside. Maureen was a native of Coventry, England, born to William Alfred Timms and Lilian Timms on July 30, 1936. Surviving the bombings of Coventry during World War II, she grew up in that city of her beloved homeland of England, losing her mother when she was 15 years old. Her natural beauty and sweet demeanor gifted her with the honor of being named “Miss Coventry” and “Carnival Pageant Queen of Coventry”. Moving to the United States in 1962 with her new family, she settled in New Mexico as a military wife in Clovis, Roswell, and Albuquerque, adopting her new country and becoming a US citizen. She was devoted to her country and gave over 40 years of service to the United States, employed with the Army Air Force Exchange Service, starting as a sales clerk in 1966 and eventually becoming the Director of Human Resources AAFES, Kirtland AFB, NM, in 1972, retiring in January, 2008.

Maureen is remembered for her sweetness and gentle demeanor, always considerate of another’s well- being over her own. Happy and content with the life she had, she was always able to enjoy a hearty laugh with family and friends, a glass of white wine, Academy soccer games with nephew Coach Pete and family on the sidelines, Isotopes Baseball –every home game, the company of dogs, the Dolphins and Broncos, the Magic of Disneyworld, the company and delight of her granddaughter, and especially the gathering of

family over Christmas and holidays. Her sweet smile and gleeful laugh endear our hearts with the appreciation of the priceless simple pleasures in life, as Maureen was the personification of gentleness, generosity, and kindness to everyone she encountered.

She is survived by her husband, Drue M. Houghton of Albuquerque; her sister, Margaret Timms Clinch of Albuquerque; daughter, Terry E. McCormick, and her husband John; granddaughter, Rachel M. McCormick of Albuquerque; loving family members, Paul E. Bish and his wife Geneva of Albuquerque; nephew, Peter J. Clinch and his wife Arlene of Albuquerque; her niece, Tracy Delarosa and her husband Art of San Diego, CA; her niece, Wendy Harms and her husband Ian of Laguna Niguel, CA; her nephew, Kevin W. Clinch and his wife Elena, of Coventry, England; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members who have been so close to her, cared deeply for her, and whom she loved dearly.

A memorial service will be held Friday, February 7, 2014, at 3:00 PM, at Sandia Presbyterian Church, 10704 Paseo del Norte, Albuquerque, 87122, (505)856-5040. A brief reception will follow at the church. Family will gather privately in the evening. Please make memorial donations in honor of Maureen to the project to which she has so generously given, the Wounded Warrior Project, www.woundedwarriorproject.org, 877-832-6997.

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 7. 3:00 PM (MT)

Sandia Presbyterian Church
10704 Paseo Del Norte NE
Albuquerque, NM 87122

Tribute Wall

MF

“ I am so sad to hear of your loss. I was very fortunate to work under Maureen at AAFES at Kirtland. She gave me my first job in the HR world hiring me as her HR Assistant and it's because of her that I am now an HR Manager. Maureen was so incredibly kind, considerate and just so wonderful to be around. She will always be in my greatest memories. Many prayers go out to her family!

Mary Forslund - February 15, 2014 at 09:11 PM

KC

“ Aunt Maureen - thankfully we got to see you in November.

So much already said. Fantastic memories of the great family get togethers. Always lots of fun and many laughs. Your selflessness and patience will be an inspiration to many. You always had a smile, never complained and your infectious laugh we will carry for ever.

A very special person and so proud to have you as an Aunt.

God bless you and rest well.

Kev, Elena, Jamie, Sean, Ben, John Jr and your adopted nephew Clayton

Kevin Clinch - February 09, 2014 at 01:09 PM

DH

“Maureen was my sister-in-love. We had lots in common and every time we got together in person (when I visited from Dallas), we laughed and enjoyed great times. I can truly say I loved her as a sister. All who knew her called her generous and I can say it firsthand because of her generosity to me personally in so many ways. Her respect for everyone was God-given. When we meet again in Heaven, we'll praise the Lord together in joyful fun.

Daphne Houghton Hodges

Daphne Houghton Hodges - February 06, 2014 at 11:49 AM

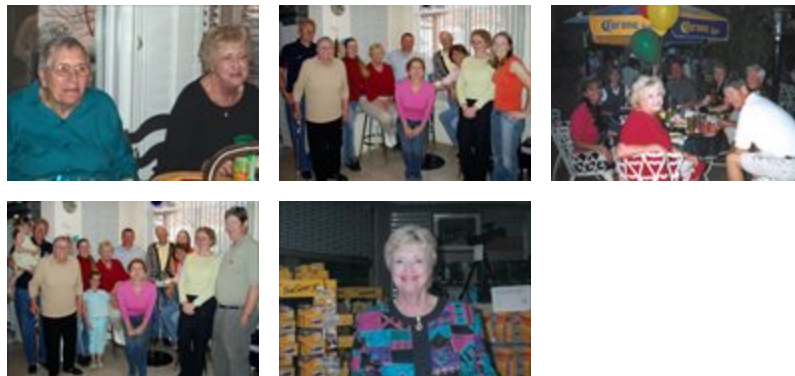
SC

“Terry and Drue, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I have fond memories of Maureen and I know my mom always spoke fondly of her and considered her a dear friend. Sandra Clark

Sandra Clark - February 06, 2014 at 10:48 AM



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FRENCH Funerals & Cremations - February 06, 2014 at 08:13 AM

CH

“ *Maureen was a dear friend, she was a very loving and gentle person who was joyful to be around. She thought more of others than herself. It was my great fortune to have worked with Maureen at AAFES. She was a perfect Human Resource Manager who really cared for the people, a rare gift! She and Drue took care of my babies, Nina & Bear on so many occasions and they loved my dogs so much. I never had to worry when I was away. I am saddened by her loss. My deep sympathy to all the family. With Love, Chris Woodward*

Chris - February 05, 2014 at 08:56 AM

JC

“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.*

Joel Chavez - February 04, 2014 at 04:14 PM

GR

Our deepest sympathy for Maureen's family. I worked with Maureen for many years at the Kirtland AFB Exchange.

Gloria Ramirez - February 05, 2014 at 02:20 PM