



Claire Sheehan Joyce

October 13, 1932 - June 18, 2019

LtC Claire “Tess” Sheehan Joyce, 86, passed away peacefully on June 18 at David Grant Medical Center following a long illness.

She was born October 13, 1932 the eldest of four children to Francis A. and Claire Sullivan Sheehan, growing up in Fitchburg, MA. After graduating from Fitchburg State Teachers College with a Bachelor’s Degree in both education and nursing, she worked for two years at Burbank Hospital prior to entering the Air Force.

After 28 years in the Air Force and many stateside assignments and overseas assignments to include Japan, the Philippines during “Operation Homecoming”, Spain and Germany, Tess retired to Fairfield, Ca.

Her passions were reading, watching and attending sports events, the symphony and opera, and travel.

She is survived by her brother, Michael Sheehan and one niece and one nephew. She was predeceased by her parents, two brothers, Francis Sheehan and James Sheehan and her ex-husband, John Joyce.

A service with full military honors will take place on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 1230 at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery 5810 Midway Rd., Dixon. A reception will follow from one thirty to four at Paradise Valley Estates, Quail Creek dining room.

In lieu of flowers, donations are preferred to the Salvation Army or the Women in Military Service of America (WIMSA).

Arrangements are under the direction of Bryan-Braker, (707) 425-4697. You may sign the guestbook at www.bryanbraker.com.

Cemetery

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery

5810 Midway Road
Dixon, CA, 95620

Events

JUL 8 **Cremation Committal** 12:30PM - 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Mike, hope you will keep in touch. Tess was always up for a good time. We have so many good memories although living far apart, she was really special.

Shirley Tower - July 07 at 07:26 AM



“ On behalf of the Pacific Region of the Society of Air Force Nurses (SAFN), I would like to express our sincere condolences at the loss of your loved one. Please know that we are also mourning the loss of one of our colleagues and friends. She will be missed, but she will most certainly not be forgotten. She will be remembered by posting her death and obituary on the In Memoriam link of the SAFN website, in the next monthly Memorial Committee Report which is sent electronically to all SAFN members, in the next issue of the Rendezvous, SAFN's semi-annual newsletter, at the next Regional Meeting during the Memorial Program, and finally during the next National Memorial Program at SAFN's biennial convention.

With Sympathy,
Linda Duffield
SAFN, Pacific Region

Linda Duffield - July 01 at 04:30 PM



“ On behalf of the Society of Air Force Nurses, please know we are mourning with you the death of our friend and colleague, Lieutenant Colonel Claire "Tess" Joyce. She was a remarkable woman who made a difference in the lives of so many during her journey through life. She was the Deputy Chief Nurse during one of my tours at David Grant Medical Center, and I have fond memories of those years. She was a Charter Member of our Society and a donation will be made in her memory. Tess will most certainly be missed by many, and she will not be forgotten by the community of Air Force Nurses.

Linda J. Stierle, Brigadier General, USAF (Retired)

Brig Gen Linda J Stierle - June 24 at 09:48 PM