

Mrs. Iola "Nancy" Virginia Magruder

Iola "Nancy" Virginia Magruder, 90, of Frostburg, died Monday, Sept. 6, 2010, at the Devlin Manor Nursing Home.

Born March 31, 1920, in Damascus, she was the daughter of the late Joseph William Clay and Grace Virginia (Warfield) Clay. Nancy was also preceded in death by her husband Samuel Wade Magruder, and one sister, Ruby Purdum.

Mrs. Magruder graduated from Damascus High School and Towson State College with a B.S. in Elementary Education. She also received a Master's in Education from the University of Maryland.

When WWII began, Nancy went to Sweetwater, Texas for training to become a member of the W.A.S.P. This organization was responsible for flying small aircraft in the United States while the male pilots were fighting the war overseas. She received the U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor on March 2010.



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In the mid-1990s, Nancy moved to Frostburg to be near her eldest child and grandchildren. For the past four years, she resided at Devlin Manor Health Care Center in Cumberland.

Mrs. Magruder is survived by her two daughters, Barbara Arnone of Frostburg, and Katharine Magruder of Frederick; two grandchildren, Katrina Opel and Lynn Hovatter, both of Frostburg; four great-grandchildren, Seth Arnone, Dylan Hunt, Rylee Hovatter and Chase Opel. She is also survived by her sister, Hilda Wells of Sparks, Md.

Friends will be received from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 9, at the Molesworth-Williams, P.A., Funeral Home, 26401 Ridge Road, Damascus. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 10, at the funeral home. The Rev. Joseph Pierce will officiate.

Interment will be held privately at the convenience of the family in St. Mary's Church Cemetery, Rockville, Md. The family would like to thank all of the staff at Devlin Manor for the excellent care they provided.

The family requests the omission of flowers and that contributions be made to St. Paul's Catholic Church, 9250 Damascus Road, Damascus, Md., 20872 and/or St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1200 St. Michael's Road, Mount Airy, Md, 21771.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at molesworthwilliams.com.