



## Marie Block

June 2, 1920 - December 10, 2015

Obituary of Marie Block Marie E. Block, 95, of Citra, Passed away Thursday, December 10, 2015. She was born June 2, 1920 in Long Branch, NJ to James & Henrietta (Berry) Stout. Marie is survived by 3 daughters, Carol (David) Whitehead; Arlene Huey; Cynthia (Danny) Dunbar; 2 granddaughters; Denine Radigan; Rachelle Carley; 1 great grandson, Trystan Radigan. There will be a Celebration of Life Dec. 19, 11am at 1st Presbyterian, 15260 NW 42 Terr; Reddick. Marie grew up in Barnegat, NJ, on the bay, the only girl with 7 younger brothers. Her dad was a clamdigger and her mom took care of the home, made meals from whatever was available and laundry with a washboard. Maries' determination to have a perfect attendance in school had her living the story many of us have heard about; walking a mile to school through wind, rain & snow! Marie completed her goal and earned an award. She later graduated from Barnegat High School, which was rare for a girl at that time. During World War II, "Rosie the Riveter" Marie worked in the aviation factory to support her country, and in the hosiery mills also. Marie married Arthur Block and moved to Toms River. After helping to raise 7 brothers through the Depression, she made it clear if her children turned out to be boys, they would be left at the hospital! Marie fortunately had 3 daughters and became a homemaker during those years. She was a very strict mother and we learned to run fast if we misbehaved as mom was quick with her hand or the cherry switch! As the girls got older, Marie went back to work. The job her family enjoyed most was the donut shop as mom would occasionally bring

home a tasty treat! Marie was active in her church, both in choir and as a Sunday school teacher. She was also on a bowling league and brought home many trophies. Later attaining a Real Estate license, Marie sold Florida property through Mackle Brothers and eventually relocated to Florida. Her daughters at various stages in their lives all gravitated to areas in Florida also, where mom's house in Citra became a home base for many family birthdays and holiday dinners. An active member of Reddick First Presbyterian Church, Marie was instrumental in getting the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts project initiated as a mission project that continues today and has helped many children all around the world who don't know the Gift of Christmas to receive a Christmas box. She belonged to the Woman's Circle and attended bible studies regularly. We all looked forward to her deviled eggs or pimento cheese sandwiches during fellowship time after church! Marie was a member of VFW Ladies Auxiliary and the Citra Crafty Quilters, and was also involved with a local church's senior group. Some of her hobbies were gardening, reading and sewing. She was proud of her yard with many varieties of plants and flowers and enjoyed showing them to friends who visited. As the passage of time took its toll on her eyes and her body, she became an avid listener of Talking Books. Oh, and a chocolate pudding and M&M's junkie! Mom spent her final days at home where she wanted to be and her family and minister were with her when she passed on to her new life. A long life, well-lived.

# Tribute Wall

RW

“ We are very sorry to learn of Marie passing away. My Mom, Ruth, and Marie were good friends. Mom moved away from Florida almost 16 years ago. She and Marie stayed in touch. Mom always looked forward to getting Marie's letters and to writing back. Marie always spoke lovingly of her daughters and we pray for their comfort, Marie will be greatly missed, We send our love....Ruth, Linda and Robin

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**Ruth Wheelock** - December 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ I learned of Mrs. Block's death just today. I am a work friend of her daughter Cindy at the VA Hospital in Gainesville, FL. Although I never actually met Mrs. Block, I used to hear about her regularly from her loving daughter. Her daughters were devoted to helping her keep her quality of life to the highest level possible, especially knowing that she was fierce in her determination to remain independent at home as long as she could. From reading her obituary I see that she lived a long and rich life. I can tell that she was a wonderful mother, as evidenced by her daughter Cindy's own fine qualities as well as the true love she had for her mother. Today, I send my sincere sympathy to the family of Marie Block. You are in my thoughts--Patty Hawk

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**Patty Hawk** - December 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Lovely tribute to a life of the times. Of dealing with life exactly as it was dealt to her with focus on family and community. A job well done.

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**Joan McTigue** - December 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ On behalf of our staff at Roberts Downtown Chapel, I would like to extend my condolences to the entire family during this difficult time.###GESTURE###

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**Todd McBride, Funeral Director** - December 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM



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