



## Jo Fraser

October 30, 1932 - November 28, 2014

Mrs. Jo Ellen McGuirk Fraser, of Milledgeville, Georgia, went home to our Lord on Friday, November 28, 2014. A gathering celebration will be held from 4:00-6:00 PM for Mrs. Fraser on Sunday, November 30, 2014 at Williams Funeral Home, 1670 North Jefferson Street, in Milledgeville. The family requests that in lieu of flowers that contributions be made to Civitan International via their website, [www.civitan.org](http://www.civitan.org).

Mrs. Fraser was born in Donaldsonville, Georgia on October 30, 1932 to James Edward McGuirk and Charlotte Bowen McGuirk. She graduated from Andrew Jackson High School in Jacksonville, Florida. After high school, Jo seized an opportunity to move to Washington, D.C. and begin her career in the federal government. Mrs. Fraser accepted a position with the Navy as a clerk typist for the Navy's Discharge Review Board, and proceeded to move up the ranks within the Washington world. Other positions that she held included clerical personnel at the White House, secretary to the Director of the Office of Budget and Reports of the Navy, and secretary to the Secretary of Defense and National Space Council. Jo Ellen finished her government career being the congressional aid to Congressman Bill Chappell from 1980-1989. It was also in Washington, D.C. where she met her husband of 39 years, Ronald L. Fraser, who served as a Lieutenant Colonel for the United States Marine Corps.

Mrs. Fraser continued her work in public services by working for the Mayor of the City of Jacksonville, Tommy Hazouri, as the Special Liaison to Senior Citizens. During her career and well into retirement, service to others was important to Jo Ellen. Her passion was her membership and dedication to Civitan International, where she served as a Master Club Builder, Club President, District Governor, and Regional Director.

Mrs. Fraser is survived by her husband, Lt Col Ronald L. Fraser of Dublin, her daughter, Cindy Hillsman of Milledgeville, her grandson, Ryan Clanton (Heather) of Dublin, her granddaughter, Hailey Hillsman of Dublin, and her great-grandson, Rhett Clanton of Dublin. She is also survived by her sister, Martha Hughes of Alabama.

# Cemetery Details

## Georgia Veteran's Memorial Cemetery

2617 Vinson Hwy  
Milledgeville, GA 31061

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 30. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville  
1670 N. Jefferson St.  
Milledgeville, GA 31061  
(478) 452-2148  
[staff@williamsfuneralhome.net](mailto:staff@williamsfuneralhome.net)  
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# Tribute Wall

DR

“ *Jo was a good Civitan and friend! So sorry to hear of her passing. God blessed her and now will bless her family. Dr. William D. (Bill) Rentz 50 years as a Civitan! Florence, SC.*

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**Dr. Willism D. (Bill) Rentz** - December 03, 2014 at 12:36 PM

DY

“ *Merry Christmas with Christ, dear Jo. I'll miss you as will so many. You were a special friend for over 30 years. Love forever.*  
*Diane Young*

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**Diane Young** - December 02, 2014 at 10:35 AM

KF

“ *May Jehovah God continue to comfort your family during this trying time.*

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**knox family** - December 02, 2014 at 05:42 AM

PD

“ *Dear Fraser family; we are sorry for your loss. We were not created to die. Soon God will return the earth back to a paradise and your loved one ell enjoy life on earth eternally. Rev 21:3,4 Psalm 37:11,29*

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**P Dixon** - December 02, 2014 at 04:43 AM

PJ

“ I was truly blessed to meet such a sweet & classy lady . She was very special to me & I will always cherish the times I spent with her . You're gone from this earth , but will always be in my heart , because I loved you & you loved me. Rest on dear I will see you again in Paradise .

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**Patricia Justice** - November 30, 2014 at 07:20 PM

JS

“ Jo was a beacon of light in Civitan...As I served my club, I came to know her as someone to seek advice from and benefitted from her experience and knowledge of Civitan. Blessings to her family.

*Janice Sullivan, Cumming Civitan Club*

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**Janice Sullivan** - November 29, 2014 at 12:18 PM

SS

“ Sincere Condolence! Jo was wonderful giving person and will be greatly missed at future Civitan gatherings whether local, district or International. Sandy Stout Past Cardinal District Governor

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**Sandy Stout** - November 29, 2014 at 10:55 AM

CM

“ I am so very sad to have read in Jacksonville that Jo passed away.

*I met Jo shortly after i graduated from law school and moved to Jacksonville. She was my stepfather, Bill Chappell's, legislative aid in Jacksonville. Jo promised my mother she would watch out for me and I immediately became the first of her surrogate "sons." I always knew her and referred to her as my "Maw."*

*For many years, Maw and I were close in Jacksonville even after Bill died in 1989, and she worked for Mayor Hazouri. Of course, Civitans became her passion. Every time she started a Civitan club, she had me join. How could I say "no" to my "Maw"? I stayed with one of those Civitan clubs in Jacksonville, Central, because of Jo. There were so many projects and programs and meetings and I don't regret any of it.*

*When Jo moved to Georgia a few years ago, I lost regular contact, but she never stopped treating me as her "son" in every card and note. She poured herself into service and love for others and in return she gained the love of so many, including me. I will miss my "Maw" very much.*

*Charles McBurney, Jacksonville, Florida*

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**Charles McBurney** - November 29, 2014 at 10:55 AM

MF

“ Marie Farmer sent a virtual gift in memory of Jo Fraser



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**marie farmer** - November 29, 2014 at 08:25 AM

MF

“ I met Jo through Civitan. She was a lovely lady and devoted to the Civitan ideal. She loved Civitan and its members. She was active from her bedside working on fruitcake sales just two months ago. She will be missed by all of us.

Marie Farmer

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**marie farmer** - November 29, 2014 at 08:23 AM



Like so many in Civitan, I was always grateful for Jo's advice and friendship. She served the purpose of Civitan with gusto and I counted her among my dearest friends. I remember our reunion in New Orleans at the international convention and she was wheeling her chair like a pro! She gave her all and now is reaping her rewards in heaven. God bless you, Jo.

Polly Forestier, PIP 1990-91

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**Polly Forestier** - November 29, 2014 at 04:06 PM

RS

so sorry for your loss cindy jo is in the lords hands now .

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**rose stubbs** - December 01, 2014 at 07:11 AM