



Florence Helen O'Connor

September 9, 1924 - August 25, 2025

Florence Helen O'Connor (née Youngflesh) passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on Monday, August 25, 2025, just 15 days shy of her 101st birthday. Born in West Philadelphia to Joseph Felix and Helen Bridget Youngflesh, Florence lived a long and remarkable life rooted in faith, family, and hard work. She was a beloved resident of both Marlton and Cape May, New Jersey.

Affectionately known as Floss, she was the devoted wife of the late John O'Connor, with whom she shared 52 years of marriage until his passing in 2008.

Florence was the cherished mother of Maureen (Paul) Blom; the adored "Grammy" of Christine (Michael) Sands and Sean (Samara) Blom; and the proud great-grandmother of Erin and Julia Sands, and Nash, Rory, and Shay Blom. She rarely missed a football, volleyball, field hockey, baseball, or softball game, regatta, rugby match, dance recital, or school play — faithfully cheering on every activity her daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren pursued. Her absence leaves an immeasurable void in our hearts, and our family gatherings will never feel the same without her love and humor.

She was predeceased by her siblings, Madelyn (William) Jones, Joseph

(Patricia) Youngflesh, and Thomas (Dolores) Youngflesh, along with 17 O'Connor brothers- and sisters-in-law. She is survived by 30 loving nieces and nephews.

Florence treasured her lifelong friendships, many formed during her school years at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Grammar School and as a member of the Class of 1942 at West Philadelphia Catholic Girls High School. Following graduation, she enjoyed a 43-year career with the Pennsylvania Railroad/Conrail, where she worked as a keypunch operator in the accounting department.

Her deep faith guided her throughout her life. She was a founding member of the St. Stephen's Altar and Rosary Society, serving on its board for many years. She was also active in the Women's Auxiliary of St. Thomas More High School Alumni, where she was honored for her longtime dedication in helping her husband organize the annual Memorial Mass and Breakfast.

Family and friends are invited to gather on Friday, September 5, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Givnish of Marlton, 398 East Main Street, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church, Marlton.

Entombment will follow at Locustwood Cemetery, Route 70, Cherry Hill, NJ.

If so desired, memorial contributions may be made in Memory of Florence Youngflesh O'Connor to St. Joan of Arc School Fund at St. Joan of Arc School or to West Catholic Give Now - West Catholic High School

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

SEP 5. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (est)

Givnish Funeral Home Marlton
398 E Main St
Marlton, NJ 08053
(856) 452-5090
info@givnish.com

Funeral Mass

SEP 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Joan of Arc
100 Willow Bend Road
Marlton, NJ 08053

Entombment

SEP 5. 12:30 PM (est)

Locustwood Memorial Park
1500 Route 70 West
Cherry Hill, 08002

Tribute Wall

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“ *Cynthia Meischke lit a candle in memory of Florence Helen O'Connor*



Cynthia meischke - September 01, 2025 at 09:25 AM

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“ *West Catholic Prep fondly remembers Florence Helen O'Connor, Class of 1942. Florence will always be part of the West Catholic family, and we give thanks for the light she shared with all who knew her. We keep her and her loved ones in our prayers and celebrate the legacy of faith, friendship, and love she leaves behind. May her memory continue to inspire all of us in the West Catholic community.*

West Catholic Preparatory High School - August 27, 2025 at 01:03 PM