

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 204 Space: F2

Find A Grave # 281731428

Name: **Fels, Joan Grigg Merry**

Birth date: February 23, 1924 Death date: April 12, 2025 Burial Date: June 26, 2025 Age: 101
B. Chicago, IL

Spouse: Leslie R. Fels (1922-2008)

Children: John Fels; Mark Fels; James Fels; Merry *Fels* Scarborough; Elizabeth Fels; Sandra *Fels* Trenholm

Parents: Irwin Merry and Isabella *Grigg* Merry

Siblings:

Residence: Dover, DE

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: See next page

Service/occupation information:

Officiate: Rev. John Tober

Lot Owner: Leslie R & Joan Merry Fels; F1, F2, F3, F4, G1, G2, G3, G4; May 3, 2000
See burial records for the designated lot spaces for family members.

Inscription:

Joan M. Fels
Loving Wife Mother
& Grandmother
Feb 23, 1924 April 12, 2025

Dimensions: H 14" x W 24"

Style: Plaque on ground

No repairs needed



Inventory date: June 26, 2025 Recorder; Nancy Quinn

Joan M. Fels, 101

DOVER - Joan M. Fels passed away at Dover Place assisted living facility on Saturday, April 12, 2025. She resided at Dover Place in Dover, Del. since 2023. She had been in declining health brought on by her age. She was 101.

Joan was born in Chicago, Illinois, the older of the two children of the late Irwin and Isabella (Grigg) Merry. She was the last of her family. She graduated from Evanston (IL) High School in 1942, then attended Beloit College in Beloit, Wis. and Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. for several years before her marriage to the late Leslie R. Fels (Lt Col, USAF Ret) at the end of World War II. They enjoyed almost 63 years of marriage till his passing in 2008.

She was a 30-year Air Force wife with a big heart. Prior to their assignment to Dover in 1966, they had made homes in Ariz., Calif., Kan., Neb., Guam, and NH. Her time was spent as homemaker, mother to her five children, and caretaker for various animals brought home as pets. Following her husband's Air Force retirement, she took in her elderly parents (her mother living to the age of 100), plus raised and adopted her eldest son's daughter. She was a member of the congregation of Christ Episcopal Church of Dover since her arrival in Del.

She is survived by children John, Elizabeth, and Mark (Susan) Fels of Dover; Sandra (Joseph) Trenholm, of Panama City, Fla., James (Linda) Fels of Bellingham, Wash.; and Merry (Neil) Scarborough of Australia. Grandchildren are Jeffrey (Amanda) Scarborough, Douglas Scarborough, Holly Fels, Colin Trenholm, and Cameron Trenholm. Great-grandchildren are Abigail, Joshua, and Samuel Scarborough.

The family would like to thank the staff of Dover Place and VITAS Healthcare for their care of Joan these past months.

Services will be held 11:00 AM Thursday June 26, 2025 at Christ Episcopal Church of Dover, 501 S. State St, Dover, DE 19901 Burial will be in Christ Church Cemetery, Dover.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to Christ Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 1374, Dover, DE 19903 or online at ; VITAS Community Connection online at ; or other charity of personal choice. Arrangements by Michael J. Ambruso Funeral Director, Inc. Dover.

<https://ambruso.com/book-of-memories/5583014/Fels-Joan/index.php>

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