



## Maureen Herstek

September 4, 2025

Maureen "Mo" Crook Herstek, 77, passed away peacefully on her birthday, September 4, 2025, after an extended illness. Throughout her life, Maureen touched countless lives with her loving and giving spirit—a woman who truly never met a stranger.

Maureen graduated from Nazareth College in 1970, then undertook graduate studies at the University of Detroit until 1972. That same year, her passion for civic duty earned her the honor of Michigan Young Republican of the Year, as well as the distinction of being the youngest delegate to the 1972 National Republican Convention. In 1974, Maureen broke new ground when she was hired by the Michigan Republican House of Representatives as the first woman in a non-secretarial administrative role.

Her professional career was truly distinguished. From 1980 to 1994, Maureen served as the Publications Coordinator for the Michigan House Republican Caucus. Afterward, she became Special Projects and Community Events Coordinator, a position she held until her retirement. Maureen's leadership and organizational skills earned her recognition in the "Who's Who in American Politics," the honor of Young Republican National Committeewoman, and Michigan Civitan of the Year for 1977-78.

Following her retirement, Maureen poured her energy into volunteerism and

community engagement in Foley, Alabama. She was a proud and active member of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church. Mo gave her time generously to organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce, and the South Baldwin Regional Medical Center. Mo also enjoyed volunteering in the Live Oak Village community where she lived at the Assisted Living Center. Her dedication to serving others did not pause with age; it only grew stronger.

Beyond her professional and civic accomplishments, Maureen was an avid reader, a spirited card player, and a passionate traveler. More than anything, Maureen cherished relationships—she found joy in every encounter, and her laughter and warmth linger for all who knew her.

Maureen is survived by her son Rob (Annette) Herstek ; her sisters Kristin (Bill) Elliott and Shelagh(Ulf) Merenius; and her brother Michael Crook. She is also survived by two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, George Herstek; her son, Jonathan Herstek; siblings Gary Crook, Carol Krupa, her twin Noreen Gottschalk; and her parents, William and Madeleine Crook.

A service to celebrate Maureen's life will be held Friday, October 3rd, at 8:30am, at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church in Foley, Alabama. All who knew Mo are welcome to join in honoring a life so generously lived.

Maureen's legacy endures in the communities she served, the friends she made, and the love she so freely gave. She will be dearly missed and fondly remembered.

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ We will miss her. A very sweet Auntie!!! Stephanie and George

Stephanie and George Sutton - October 16, 2025 at 12:15 AM

TA

“ Todd A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maureen Herstek.

Todd A. - October 03, 2025 at 09:27 AM

LF

“ Love, The Ruccolo Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Maureen Herstek.



Love, The Ruccolo Family - October 02, 2025 at 12:39 PM

LF

“ Love, The Ruccolo Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maureen Herstek.

Love, The Ruccolo Family - October 02, 2025 at 12:39 PM

JB

“ Jamie Blaskowski purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Maureen Herstek.



Jamie Blaskowski - October 01, 2025 at 06:36 AM

JB

“ Jamie Blaskowski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maureen Herstek.

Jamie Blaskowski - October 01, 2025 at 06:36 AM

RS

“ Sending condolences to Rob & Annette and all of the family.

Roger & Phyllis Stiwinter - September 26, 2025 at 10:34 PM

KM

“ Katie and Mitch May purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Maureen Herstek.



Katie and Mitch May - September 25, 2025 at 02:09 PM

KM

“ Katie and Mitch May planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maureen Herstek.

Katie and Mitch May - September 25, 2025 at 02:09 PM

CS

“ Chris and Linda Suchner purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Maureen Herstek.



Chris and Linda Suchner - September 25, 2025 at 11:42 AM



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**Chris and Linda Suchner** - September 25, 2025 at 11:42 AM