



Eleanor A. Wiley

May 7, 1933 - May 18, 2021

Eleanor A. Wiley (McGinnis), born May 7, 1933, recently reached her 88th birthday, died at home peacefully on May 18, 2021.

Eleanor was born to Harvey and Alberta McGinnis and raised in Wilmington, DE, eventually moving to Newark, DE. Eleanor graduated from Wilmington High School, class of 1951.

We hold close to our hearts her wit, laughter, marvelous memory and love of her family. She enjoyed the many day trips, vacations and holidays with her family.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her loving husband, John V. Wiley, Sr. and her sons, Kenneth and Robert Wiley. She is survived by her children, John Wiley, Jr. (Alice), Donald Wiley, Jeffery Wiley (Marcy), and Terri Guilbault (Donald). Eleanor has 8 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild on the way.

Services will be held privately. The family would like to thank Bayada Hospice for their care and compassion.

Cemetery

Private

Comments



“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to you Don and family. Your mother was always so kind and welcoming to me. She will be deeply missed.
Dave-Pat Muellenberg

David Muellenberg - June 11, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ MY MOTHER

It's been a week since mom's death and it's not getting any easier. Every day is a reminder in some way or another while clearing the house. When we walk away it will be the hardest day, I'm sure, as it will mark the end of an era. We will be leaving the home where mom and dad lived with their children and watched them grow into adulthood over the past 50 years. The home, where their married children and eventually, grandchildren, would spend Sunday dinners and holidays. The home, where many memories were made and will be resurrected in conversations to come, I'm sure.

It's hard to put into words the relationship I've had with this beautiful woman. I'm honored to have known her for 40 of her 88 years. She was a mother, a confidant, and a friend. Like most relationships, there have been ups and downs. She didn't care to use the term daughter-in-law, when introducing me to others. Her reasoning for this, was she felt a closeness, not only due to the marriage to her son, but she always said, we have a relationship like no other mother and daughter-in-law. This always made me feel special.

Speaking of special, mom was that in many ways. She was easy to talk to. Where ever she went, you can bet she would be talking to someone. She didn't have to know them. She was also a very giving person. Whatever you needed, she'd be there in any way that she could. It seemed like everyone was a friend. Her neighbors and some friends, also called her "Mom or Mommom." Everyone was amazed with her savviest in technology and she was always up to date on the latest. Occasionally, people would remark on how young she looked. She loved that! So much so, that she would not use a cane or anything that would make her look old in any way..

She enjoyed time spent with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was known as Mommom by her grandchildren and other Mommom or Little Mommom by her great grandchildren. If she had favorites, she wouldn't let you know; but she especially liked that one great grandchild was named after her. She enjoyed getting out as much as possible. She loved vacationing, day trips or taking a scenic drive on occasion. She was not one to sit still. Life was lonely after losing the love of her life (60 years).

Throughout her life, she had been dealt some terrible blows and persevered. She has been the strongest woman I have known. Family was very important to her and she lived long enough to see and be with 8 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and almost long enough to welcome her 1st great, great grandchild.

There is so much more that could be said about mom but I will close by saying I hope that she loved me as much as I loved her.

God Bless you mom.



“ Sending Prayers and Condolences to the Wiley Family and Friends
May God Be With You Eleanor Wiley
Rest In Peace My Dear Friend

John J Hargan - May 23, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ Our friendship of over 62 years is over but the wonderful memories and love we shared will live on. My deepest sympathy goes out to the family at this sad time.. RIP my dear friend. Love, Aunt Jeanette

Jeanette McCusker - May 22, 2021 at 10:54 AM



“ Jeanette McCusker lit a candle in memory of Eleanor A. Wiley



Jeanette McCusker - May 22, 2021 at 10:47 AM