



Eleanor Young

June 23, 1928 - February 17, 2021

Eleanor Young, of Wilmington, DE, passed away peacefully in her sleep at home on Feb. 17, 2021. She was born on June 23, 1928, in Hays, KS, and grew up in Great Bend, KS, and West Plains, MO. She was preceded in death by her parents, Olen and Zella Brockett; her older brother, John Brockett; her first husband, Lenhard (Bud) Forsberg; and second husband, William W. Young. Her father was an optometrist and WWI veteran. Her mother taught piano lessons and would travel to students on horseback. Ellie graduated high school in West Plains, MO, and received an associate degree from Cottey College in Nevada, MO, in 1948. She received a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from the University of Michigan where she met her first husband. Bud & Ellie lived in Orange, TX, from 1950 to 1968, where they raised five children and both sang in the First Presbyterian Church choir. Ellie began teaching elementary school, taught piano and was quite involved in community theater. She even once played a lead role in the musical, *Bye Bye Birdie*, after learning she was three months pregnant with her 5th child.

The family was transferred to Wilmington, DE, via Bud's employment with DuPont in 1969. She was passionate about women's education and was an active member of PEO (Chapter H) for decades. She continued teaching at various schools including Edgemoor, Carrcroft and Wilson Elementary and was awarded Delaware Teacher of the Year in 1975.

Ellie was in her element whether teaching in the classroom or acting and singing on the stage with a number of community theater groups including the Brandywiners, Brecks Mill Cronies, Candlelight Dinner Theatre, Lyceum Players, Three Little Bakers and the University of Delaware Bacchus Players. She sang in local choral groups including The Interpreters, The Mary Green Singers, Delaware Valley Chorale and OperaDelaware. A versatile actress and singer she performed in dramatic and comedic roles with equal proficiency. With a wide vocal range she could sing soprano, alto or tenor parts as needed. She was a member of Hanover Presbyterian Church and sang in the choir where her husband Bill Young was organist/director.

She is survived by her brother, Charles Brockett; her children: Erica Stewart, Derek (Irene) Forsberg, Alison Jarvis, Damon Forsberg, Bonita (Dave) Meader; her stepchildren: Carolyn Young, Marcia (Al) Silkroski, and Chris Young; her grandchildren: Ioannis Zikos, Paige (Kyle) Romanick, Lauren Stewart, Benjamin (Kelley) Forsberg, Kassia (Steven) Cox, Daniel Forsberg, Joseph Jarvis, Jesse Jarvis (Kelsey Bunn), Eric (Morgan) Meader, Jason (Jen) Meader, Bryan Meader, Mayala McCormick (Michael Rickerd), Marissa Silkroski, Adam Silkroski, Sydney Silkroski, Caleb Silkroski, Christina (Zack) Zampini, Michael Young, Matthew Young; and 10 great-grandchildren: -- Murphy Romanick, Nathan Cox, Jacob Cox, William Forsberg, Lucas Forsberg, Jayden Jarvis, Elijah Jarvis, Micah Meader, Whitlea Meader, Gwendolyn Meader and two more on the way.

A visitation will be held Saturday, March 20, 2021, from 10-11 AM at Immanuel Church, 2414 Pennsylvania Ave, Wilmington, DE 19808 followed by a service in celebration of Eleanor's life at 11 AM. Special thanks to Seasons Hospice and Bayada Home Health Care for their aid and attention in Ellie's final days. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be sent to P.E.O. Women helping women via <https://www.peointernational.org> For directions or to send an online condolence visit www.stranofeeley.com

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Immanuel Church
2414 Pennsylvania Avenue
Wilmington, DE 19806

Celebration of Life

MAR 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RS

“ Ken and I send our sympathy and our prayers to all of you. Ellie was very special.

We are glad that she is now healed in every way and that will comfort you.

Ken and Becky Swann

Rebecca Swann - March 20, 2021 at 07:14 PM

CM

“ So sorry to see that Ellie has passed from this earth. I taught next to Ellie at Wilson School (3rd grade) for many years until her retirement. I was always amazed at her energy and focus, not only in the classroom but in her life outside. Her ability to be the commander in her classroom all day then spend countless hours at night rehearsing for the next play at night, was a gift that I always admired.

Ellie was always prepared for delivering her lessons each day. I remember her sharing her lesson plan book one day with me as I needed to help the substitute the next day. Her book was so neat, things were highlighted and color coded with each hour filled with detailed instructions for that day. At Wilson School, each classroom had many, many bulletin boards that had to be covered. Well, Ellies' boards were always a work of art and the envy of any teacher. She was a dedicated and gifted teacher who gave unselfishly of herself to help so many students.

Please know, that I offer my condolences to you and your family as you celebrate the fullness of a life well lived.

Carolyn McIntosh - March 20, 2021 at 10:01 AM

RS

“ I met Ellie about 10 years ago on a break.. My husband knew Bud and Ellie well, but I was a little nervous about meeting her. Yet when we were introduced, she had a warm acceptance that made you feel as though she had been a friend for years. Though we grieve, we know she has gone to the Father, and we will see that smile and warmth once again.

Rebecca Swann
April 20.2021.

Rebecca Swann - March 20, 2021 at 09:52 AM

JS

“ All of us with The Brandywiners Ltd are deeply saddened to hear about the passing of our darling friend Ellie. She always brought a smile to every person in every room, meeting, rehearsal, and stage she entered! May she Rest In Peace. On to her next big performance! Much love Ellie! - The Brandywiners Board and Membership.

Jeffrey Santoro - February 28, 2021 at 09:44 PM

EC

“ My wife and I met Ellie in St. Thomas where her so, Derrick and his musical group were headlining. Ellie made an impromptu appearance and, afterwards, we invited her to join our group. That chance meeting led to a beautiful relationship which created memories which will last the rest of my and my wife, Kaye the rest of our lives. Rest in peace, my friend.

Eugene Allen, P.E. Capt.USAF(Ret) - February 27, 2021 at 05:09 AM

BB

“ I knew Ellie from community theater and P.E.O. She would walk into a room and instantly people were drawn to her. Her stage presence was just as delightful! Whether singing and dancing onstage or discussing scholarships at a sisterhood meeting; Ellie was consistently warm, fun, and wonderful.

Bethany Bohn - February 26, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eleanor Young.



February 24, 2021 at 11:53 PM

SZ

“ Ellie was the epitome of class. I will fondly remember her from the many theatrical shows that we performed in together. She was such a talented and loving woman. I am so glad that our paths crossed and I got to know Ellie. She was truly one of a kind and will be sorely missed.

Susan M Zaleski - February 23, 2021 at 09:02 AM

JS

“ I have wonderful memories of visiting our Forsberg cousins in Delaware for Thanksgiving holidays and actually had the opportunity to see both Aunt Ellie and Uncle Bud in plays. Remembering her beautiful singing voice.
Prayers to the family from Mark and Julie Simms/Forsberg

Julie Simms - February 22, 2021 at 08:37 AM