



Eileen McRae Wood

July 18, 1924 - June 10, 2017

Eileen McRae Wood, 92, passed away peacefully surrounded by her children and grandchildren on June 10, 2017. She was born July 18, 1924 in Buffalo, N.Y. She was the eldest of 4 children and outlived all her siblings and most of the movie stars from her generation. She was a pre-med student at St. Bonaventure's College but was not able to continue because of WWII. She worked for the phone company as an operator during which time she met her future husband, Miles C. Wood, while answering his calls as a state trooper.

Eileen married Miles in 1951 and went on to have 5 children. Her family was her life. She was a spirited person of enormous faith and a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church in Boca Raton, Fl. After having 5 children, she went on to complete her Bachelor's Degree in Science Education and became a science teacher. She then returned to school to get her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. She taught science for nearly 20 years in both middle and high school.

Eileen was very proud of her Irish heritage and incorporated many Irish expressions and traditions into her life. Her children were her wealth and she felt luckier than a millionaire to have the love of her children. As a person, she was always encouraging and imparting hope to all family and friends.

In her later years, her children came together to provide her with love, support, and a level of care that most people will never know. She would light up when any of the family would come to visit her.

She will be sorely missed by her children and their spouses Kathy and Scott Matchunis, Buzz and Tyler Wood, Susanne Wood, Kevin Wood and Marina Polyakova, and Brian and Diane Wood as well as her grandchildren: Jameson and Austin More, Dan and Alex Wood, Michael and Melina Matchunis, Haley Wood, Joey Genta, Payton and Cooper Wood and Katie Lobuzova.

Eileen found a way to celebrate life in every way possible. She was an avid FSU Seminoles fan and she will be rooting for them from Heaven. She definitely had the "fun gene" which she passed on to all her children. A celebration of her life will be announced later.

Donations in honor of Eileen McRae Wood can be made to Big Bend Hospice at www.bigbendhospice.com

endhospice.org or Big Bend Hospice 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, Fl. 32308.

Comments



“ Susanne, may she rest in peace. Condolences to you and your family. Your mother lived a long and fruitful life. May God keep her in his graces.

Eric Henderson - June 23, 2017 at 09:05 AM



“ I did not have the honor or pleasure of meeting Mrs Wood however I have been entertained by Susanne's many stories about her mother. Susanne you are one of the best daughters I know. Your mom was blessed to spend the last years of her line with you. Love and hugs Margaret

Margaret Cooksey - June 16, 2017 at 09:02 PM



“ I love Susanne & her family. I have had the pleasure to share great times with many of them. Mrs. Wood was smart & we had great very enjoyable conversations. I am glad I met her.

Hector Quinones - June 15, 2017 at 10:54 PM



“ I have such happy memories of wonderful family dinners and ice tea with Mrs. Eileen Wood . She always made me feel welcome and like she was genuinely happy to have me over with the family . I even had a couple Christmas Eves at their house and it was very special to me . I cherish all the laughter and good times I shared with Eileen and Miles and of course all of her kids. Susanne and I became best friends in Tallahassee and I got to continue, through years of a close bond with Susanne, to hear all of the updates concerning her family . I know for sure that Eileen got more love and care from her family than I have ever seen Rest In Peace Eileen Wood until we meet again . Cheers and Love and Peace .

Mary Groves - June 15, 2017 at 01:18 PM



“ Eileen was one in a million, I cared for Eileen for 6+years and never did I feel like we were employer, employee. We enjoyed each others company so much! We had a lot in common her being Irish and me being Scottish. We laughed about everything and just had a fantastic time. Eileen was a positive influence not only in my life but the lives of many. She will be greatly missed. I will remember our fond memories together.

Prauers and thought to her loving caring family.

Lynn Ramsey - June 15, 2017 at 11:33 AM



“ Thank you so much, Lynn! You were a very special person in my mom's life and for our whole family. You gave us so much peace of mind with all the love you gave Mom!

Kathleen - June 17, 2017 at 08:36 AM