



Eileen M. Jewell

May 4, 1932 - April 18, 2022

Eileen Jewell, of Accokeek, Maryland, passed away on April 18, 2022 at the age of 89, with her husband and son by her side.

Eileen was born on May 4, 1932, in Pine City, Minnesota, to parents Joseph and Anne Felten. She married her husband of 63 years, Charles (Al) Jewell in Beroun, Minnesota on May 3, 1958. Eileen and Al then moved to Accokeek, Maryland, where they raised their four sons.

She loved her family deeply, and served them and her community unselfishly: She volunteered with Meals on Wheels (of Southern Maryland), the Accokeek Boys Club, Boy Scouts, the Potomac Palaver (her Calvert Manor community newspaper, where she served in a variety of roles, including Editor). She was seen and heard on the sidelines of high school and youth sports games in and around the area for years, cheering on her sons and grandchildren. She was quick with a smile, loved puzzles and games, and enjoyed traveling and visiting with Al, her sister and other family and friends. She and Al hosted the community Christmas party in their home for nearly 50 years. She is already missed.

Eileen is survived by her husband Al; children Steve (Shar), Tom, Mark (Beth), and Bruce (Sue); many grandchildren and great grandchildren, sister Ceil Sundean, and numerous cousins, in-laws, nieces and nephews.

A viewing will be held at Raymond Funeral Home in La Plata, MD on Thursday, April 28, 2022, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church (in Our Ladies Chapel) in Piscataway, Maryland on Friday, April 29, 2022, beginning at 11 a.m.

Eileen's remains will rest interred at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham, Maryland after a brief service on Wednesday, May 11th at 1:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery

11301 Crain Hwy
Cheltenham, MD 20623

Previous Events

Mass

APR **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's of Piscataway
13401 Piscataway Road
Clinton, MD 20735

Tribute Wall



“ *Eileen M. Jewell*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Eileen M. Jewell*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eileen M. Jewell.*



April 28, 2022 at 10:51 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eileen M. Jewell.*



April 27, 2022 at 06:29 AM

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“ *Adelta Clements and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Eileen M. Jewell.*



Adelta Clements and Family - April 26, 2022 at 10:41 AM



“ *Bountiful Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Eileen M. Jewell.*



April 25, 2022 at 09:56 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Eileen M. Jewell.*



April 25, 2022 at 09:56 AM

“ To talk about Eileen Jewell is to discuss being a good Christian to an Atheist or Agnostic.

Specifically, I never felt proselytized by Eileen Jewell even though she was evidently a strong Catholic, raising her boys as such and her loving husband Charles to be Methodist.

First of all, they had the idyllic relationship. My parents were both Protestants - but never could seem to find a path to religious humility. I guess that's what makes the word "Catholic " truly what it means – "universal".

Eileen Jewell never looked at me 1972 at age 8 with religion in mind. My mother, from a Protestant preacher's daughter point of you, could have been critical of anything happening under her roof. But she was not. Instead, Eileen Jewell just provided me uniforms for Cub Scouting in Accokeek, MD.

My sizes were different. I was different. I was the fat kid on the recess playground. I still am at 58 years of age!

But that meant nothing to the philanthropic mind of Eileen Jewell. She did not compare me to her four boys. She did not judge me. In fact, I remember the day she gave me the larger than normal size uniforms when I was with my Dad, Philip, then Cubmaster of Pack 1556 in Accokeek, MD.

We had tried very hard to find uniforms at a local retail outlet in Waldorf Maryland – Peebles. They are no longer in business, but, there were not many fat boys like I was on the recess playground wearing men's size clothing in 1972.

Even though looking back I since Eileen was more affiliated with Pack 726 on "the other side of the highway", she welcomed me in her home, she welcomed me to play with Bruce and Mark in the "wreck room", and her maternal instinct was vivid with her

hospitality.

Eileen was a wonderful mother. She inspire for young men to go out into the world as servants our God of their understanding, hopefully, to be happy and positive with others they confront. Mostly, I had contact with Bruce, the youngest, and Tom—next to oldest.

I recall very well Tom helping me through my nightmare situation during my first Boy Scout Camp in 1975. As I was sharing a tent with a real bully, Tom intervened to switch him out to avoid violence. I was graced by his friendship at the time.

Bruce was my peer. I did not know much about Bruce except that—born in 1964 like me. But we got to know each other, and we became close friends for about five years until I had to leave Southern Maryland for Central Pennsylvania to finish high school due to parental custody issues.

But I'm sure the Jewell Boys had a Mother and Father to explain why some others seem "different" — because God, however we know God, creates us differently and distinctly. Eileen would always I'm sure explain it well without editorial comment or any preconceived notions.

I will always thank Eileen Jewell for those Cub Scout uniforms in 1972. I learned to mature, slow as it may seem to some, to what I am today: a complete works in progress, willing to learn, her second son Thomas for helping get through one shell-shocking experience in my life, and her fourth son Bruce for being there to make me laugh (and vice versa).

Adults do not get those qualities as children unless they have adults rearing them knowing how to give them as gifts for life. Eileen gave them well to her four boys, transcending to many others in due time.

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Annotation to lead paragraph: “ To talk about Eileen Jewell is to discuss being a good Christian to an Atheist or Agnostic.”

Restated:

To talk about Eileen Jewell is to describe doing God’s work to others without proselytizing— just be kind to one another.

John Andrew Rovenolt - April 24, 2022 at 07:28 PM

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“ *When I think of Eileen, I recall her telling me how she knew who she would marry from when they were in school together. More than sixty years after they wed, she continued to have the same love and passion when she spoke of her husband and marriage, she had as a schoolgirl. What a beautiful love story and a wonderful example of what marriage should be!*

A beautiful lady, who brought joy, love, and light to many lives!

Peggy Ann Ireland - April 23, 2022 at 04:40 PM

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This is very sweet. I can almost relate because even though my parents divorced for good reason after 16 years, I’m sure they never lost their love for each other and their hearts. Divorce is just a legal word it doesn’t mean that one must be adverse to another person. I know in my heart of hearts my father still cares about my mother as my mother told me before she died the same thing about my father.

John Andrew Rovenolt - April 24, 2022 at 07:32 PM

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Her laughter!

The Other Tom - April 25, 2022 at 07:20 PM

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“ *Pastor Peggy & your friends at Faith UMC purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Eileen M. Jewell.*



Pastor Peggy & your friends at Faith UMC - April 23, 2022 at
04:24 PM