



Nona Elaine Heilmeier

October 4, 1936 - November 13, 2022

Nona E. (Keech) Heilmeier of Hagerstown, Maryland

Nona Elaine (Keech) Heilmeier, beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend, passed away Sunday morning, November 13, 2022, at the age of 86.

Born October 4, 1936 in Aquasco, Maryland, she was the daughter of Ruth (Sellner) Keech and Leigh Keech. Nona was the youngest of nine children. She is survived by her children, Donald Simmons and his wife Kathleen of Clear Spring, Maryland, David Heilmeier and his wife Joanne of Lusby, Maryland, and Jeffrey Heilmeier of King George, Virginia (DOD 11/15/22); five grandchildren, Megan, Andrew and partner Casey, Devin, Jeremy, and Madison; three great-grandchildren, Delaney, Sawyer, and Gunner; and one former daughter-in-law, Stacy (Wood) Heilmeier. She is also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews.

Nona was preceded in death by her parents, Ruth (Sellner) Keech and Leigh Keech; sisters, Virginia, June, and Gladys; and her brothers, Carl, Ricky (Horace), Harry, and Roland Keech and Dickie Sellner.

She was a graduate of Gwynn Park High School in Brandywine, Maryland. After graduating, she went on to work temporarily as a telephone operator before she started her lifelong career working for the Federal Communications

Commission, where she earned the love, respect, and admiration of many of her coworkers.

After retiring, she immediately went to “work” babysitting her Southern Maryland grandchildren. She enjoyed and cherished her time with them especially since, when she was a young mother, she was unable to stay home with her boys.

From childhood until death, Nona adored all animals. She had several dogs as pets but her love of cats ultimately led to caring for her precious “Boots,” “Cali,” and “Maxi.”

Nona was an avid gardener who loved to spend time in her yard planting and caring for a multitude of plants and flowers. She also had many bird feeders placed around the gardens and enjoyed bird watching and learning to identify her birds.

Another of her favorite past times was shopping. Be it at the department store, a flea market, or a craft show, Nona was excited to be there.

She spent her last six months at Somerford House and Place in Hagerstown, Maryland. The family wishes to extend our gratitude to the many caregivers there who helped her through good times and bad times and showed their love and compassion daily! Our family appreciates you!

A Visitation will take place on Monday, November 21, 2022 from 11:00am until time of Funeral Service at 1:00pm at Raymond Funeral Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Gardens in Waldorf, Maryland.

If desired, donations in Nona’s memory may be made to the Tri-County

Animal Shelter (TCAS), 6707 Animal Shelter Road, Hughesville, Maryland
20637.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Memorial Gardens And Mausoleum

3221 Mattawoman-Beantown Road
Waldorf, MD 20601

Previous Events

Burial

NOV 21. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Nona Elaine Heilmeier*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Nona Elaine Heilmeier*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *I was honored to have worked with Nona at FCC in the 1980s. She was always very kind to others. She will be missed*

Michael Marcus - November 23, 2022 at 09:26 PM



“ *I have many fond memories of “Aunt Nona” while growing up. She was such a sweet, special lady. My condolences to the family.*

Carol McMains - November 19, 2022 at 10:39 AM



“ *I will miss you my dear friend. The family has an angel looking down on them.*

Joyce Wood - November 19, 2022 at 07:37 AM



“ *Nancy Brooks co-worker of Nona she was a very sweet and kind person. We worked together for at 20 years. I last had lunch with her in February I always admired her beautiful spirit. Rest in peace Nona I will miss you.*

Nancy J Brooks - November 18, 2022 at 10:05 PM

MS

“ *Mary Jane Spence lit a candle in memory of Nona Elaine Heilmeier*



mary jane Spence - November 18, 2022 at 09:30 PM

TK

“ *Terrie Keech lit a candle in memory of Nona Elaine Heilmeier*



Terrie Keech - November 18, 2022 at 09:02 PM

YC

“ *Nona was such a lovely person to all of her coworkers at FCC. We will all miss her. My deepest condolences to her family.*

Young Carlson - November 18, 2022 at 07:58 PM

CC

“ *Coworker friend, Young Carlson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Nona Elaine Heilmeier.*



Coworker friend, Young Carlson - November 18, 2022 at 07:46 PM

MS

“ Nona was a dear friend of mine, who I worked with at FCC in the 1970's. She was always talking about her 3 sons. We went to lunch many a day, and shared lots of laughs about work situations, and personal situations. She always had a great spirit and love of life. I can remember her riding the bus from D.C. out to Waldorf , Maryland every day, and recently, we spoke about how in the world she ever did that day after day. In my last visit with her, we drove out to Chesapeake Bay, North Beach, to see if the old place still looked the same. The old Rod and Reel Club was totally renovated, but the pier was still there in North Beach, and brought back a lot of childhood memories. I will miss Nona so much.

mary jane Spence - November 18, 2022 at 12:41 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Nona Elaine Heilmeier.



November 18, 2022 at 11:34 AM



“ When I lived in Oak Manor in Waldorf we were neighbors and used to carpool or ride the old Gold Line bus together. RIP Nona.

Vicki Rader - November 18, 2022 at 11:13 AM

DB

“ You were such a sweet soul, friendly and loving to everyone you met. You will be missed. Butch & Davina Bagent

Davina Bagent - November 18, 2022 at 10:32 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Nona Elaine Heilmeier.*



November 18, 2022 at 12:06 AM



“ *Amy, Bo And Benton Greenwood lit a candle in memory of Nona Elaine Heilmeier*



Amy, Bo and Benton Greenwood - November 17, 2022 at 09:24 PM



“ *I love you so much Gram....you were so special to me. There's a huge void in my life that will never be filled. I miss you so much.*

Megan - November 17, 2022 at 05:22 PM



“ *I love you mom and miss you dearly. Life will be different without you. Please rest in peace and know we all love you, Donnie*

Donald Simmons - November 17, 2022 at 02:54 PM