



Eleanor Hedwig Flynn

June 17, 1929 - December 21, 2021

Eleanor Hedwig Flynn, nee Rossbach, passed away December 21, 2021 at age 92. She was born in the Bronx, June 17, 1929 to Arthur and Hedwig Rossbach. Her brother, Arthur, passed away earlier this year. Eleanor spent most of her life in her beloved Greene County, NY, ever near the Catskills and Hudson River, both of which she revered. She and her husband, Byron Michael Flynn, who predeceased her in 1986, briefly lived in California. In 1960 the young family began a cross-country adventure driving back east to be close to family. From the front seat Eleanor shared bits of history while pointing out the beauty she observed in the natural world. They settled down in Freehold, NY on a two hundred year old farm. Eleanor embraced the country life, planting a huge vegetable garden every spring. She taught the children to pick apples, wild berries and hickory nuts, all of which wound up in homemade baked treats.

Before she was married a young Eleanor attended Traphagen, a fashion design school in New York City and always retained a unique fashion sense. She loved art, clothes, vintage jewelry, antiques and going to auctions and tag sales. She turned her interest in collecting books into a business during the eighties. She was never idle and incredibly creative. She imbued whatever she attempted with her own unique Bohemian style whether it be painting, drawing, sewing, cooking, baking or even dancing! She approached all things in life with style and verve. She was an artist.

Throughout her life Eleanor was a striking beauty who exercised daily to maintain her perfect figure. She regularly collected compliments from total strangers to which she invariably replied "I'll pay you later!" Her signature bun, or "up-do", was iconic. She never lost her quirky sense of humor. In her later years, as Alzheimers gained hold, she became passionate about collecting fallen leaves which she arranged, framed and often gifted. She did the same with magazine pictures of children and animals, turning them into art pieces, giving them to whoever was in her sphere.

She above all loved her family. She is survived by her six children, Ellen Flynn, Karen Salerno(David), Margaret McCornock, Catherine Flynn Hochheiser(Howard), Maureen Flynn Bagshaw and Byron Mark Flynn (Lynn) as well as fourteen grandchildren, twenty-seven great grandchildren and two nephews.

There will be a private funeral for immediate family at Richards Funeral Home of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Inc. , 29 Bross Street, Cairo, N.Y. in the Spring of 2022.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Northeast NY Chapter of Alzheimer's Association (you may donate online), or to the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA, 111 Humane Society Road, Hudson, NY, 12534. Condolences may be made at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

Cemetery Details

Cairo Cemetery

County Route # 84
Cairo, NY 12413

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so saddened at the passing of Mrs. Flynn. She was one of the most beautiful women I ever knew. Inside and out. So gracious and lovel. She will be always remembered with warm memories by me. Condolences to the Flynn family on her passing.

Arline Patterson - January 10, 2022 at 10:09 PM

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“ I remember Mrs Flynn with Grace and Beauty. She was so sweet. RIP. When I think of you, it's always with a smile. 🙏🦋🕊️💙 The whole Family are in my thoughts and Prayers. Cheers to Beautiful Memories.



Nancy Erceg Karklin - January 03, 2022 at 09:50 PM



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Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - December 29, 2021 at 09:22 AM

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May we all live so long and passionately! She raised five of the loveliest women I know!

Denise Mink - December 29, 2021 at 08:53 PM

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Prayers and condolences to the Flynn family.

Ernie Puglisi - December 30, 2021 at 02:34 PM

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What a lady, may she Rest In Peace.

Karen Strobeck - December 31, 2021 at 08:37 PM

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“ *It was a blessing and joy to have called your mom friend and neighbor. She was a beautiful, striking woman and although somewhat brief, I enjoyed our conversations about art, nature and even poetry. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers.*

Patti Macaluso - December 28, 2021 at 08:56 PM



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“ *Paul R. Seney, Jr. And Staff lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Hedwig Flynn*

Paul R. Seney, Jr. and Staff - December 28, 2021 at 10:12 AM

