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Evelyn F. Ridley Austin

CLAYTON – Evelyn F. (Eckead) Ridley Austin of Clayton passed away on at the Pinnacle Rehabilitation & Health Center in Smyrna, after a long illness. She was born in Dover, DE, on February 20, 1932, to the late John R. and Mary Catherine Eckead. She was a 1950 graduate of John Bassett Moore High School in Smyrna, DE. She worked for several years with the State of Delaware Department of Public Instruction (now Department of Education), and for many years at Sander's Jewelers on Loockerman St., Dover. She also worked at a couple other local jewelry stores, as well as long-term babysitting. In her younger years, she was an active member of Cheswold Methodist Church, the Cheswold Church Ladies Auxiliary, and the Cheswold Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary. She helped raise funds for the Stockley Center in Millsboro for a few years. She loved to read, crochet, make quilts and other crafts, and enjoyed watching television with her husband, Ernie. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings, John R. Eckead, Jr., and her sister, Doris Eckead Swiggett, and her sister's three children, Richard, Debbie, and Kenneth. She is survived by her husband of over 44 years, Ernest W. Austin, Jr.; and her children, Earl H. Ridley, II, Dover; Linda K. Maderich (Henry), Glassboro, NJ; and Lori J. Ennis (Steve), Dover; and her step-daughter, Ellen Ann Jensen, Vancouver, BC. She is also survived by six grandchildren, Jazz Davis, Jesse Ridley; Shanna Maderich-Hoffman; and Hilary, Sarah, and Emily Ennis. Also, two step-grandchildren, Christina and Michelle Jensen. She is also survived by six great-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchild. Evelyn also leaves behind a life-long friend, Audrey Hollinger, Dover; her ex-husband and friend, Earl H. Ridley, Sr., of Dover, and Rodney Blanchfield of Clayton, who was like a son to her, as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Thursday Oct. 29, at 11 AM, Trader Funeral Home, 12 Lotus St., Dover, DE 19904, where friends may call at 10 AM for a visitation. Interment will be at 1 PM, Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro, DE 19966. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or via www.StJude.org Letters of condolences may be sent to www.traderfh.com




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Cemetery Details

 **Delaware Veterans Cemetery**
Millsboro DE





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MR

Mika Ray posted:

It was an honor to care for Ms. Austin. She is truly missed. She was so sweet.

September 9 at 6:46 PM

CW

Cathy Woodhouse posted:

Dear Linda, Lori, Chucky, and Family, So sorry about the passing of your Mother, and sorry I was not able to attend the service. This is Cathy Strimel Woodhouse. I will always remember how your Mother made me feel so special. She was so sweet and kind to me, so happy to see me and take the time to talk with me. I remember her at Cheswold Church, your home in Cheswold, Sander's Jewelers (where she helped us pick out wedding bands) and more recently at the Go Red luncheons. She was a wonderful lady. I pray that the beautiful memories who hold dear in your heart of her will help ease the pain of your loss till you meet her again. With Heartfelt Sympathy, Cathy, Bill, Anna and Family

October 30 at 5:52 AM

DO

Dorothy posted:

So sorry to hear about Evelyn. I stopped in to see her every time I went to Pinnacle Nursing Home to see my son. I went to school with her and her sister (Doris). When I went to Pinnacle she was the first to recognize me, it had been so long since I had seen her. You are all in my prayers. Dot Cordeiro (Maiden name Poore)

October 29 at 7:21 AM

DC

Dorothy (Poore) Cordeiro sent a virtual gift in honor of Evelyn.



October 28 at 12:28 PM



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CW

Cathy Woodhouse posted:

Dear Linda, Lori, Chucky, and Family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your Mother. This is Cathy Strimel Woodhouse. I will always remember your Mother's sweetness and kindness towards me, she would always ask about me and just make me feel so special, and that she was happy to see me. I remember her at Cheswold Church and at Sander's (bought wedding bands), and your home in Cheswold. More recently enjoyed seeing all of you at the Go Red luncheons. I believe she went straight to the Lord, how could she not as sweet as she was in her lifetime. My thoughts and prayers are with you, and that the lovely memories you have of your Mother will help ease the loss till you see her again. With deepest sympathy, Cathy and Family

October 28 at 10:25 AM

HE

Hilary Ennis posted:

I will cherish my memories of 4th of July parties, watching movies until after midnight when spending the night as a kid, her pecan pie and her amazing cole slaw that I begged for each holiday, how she would laugh and say "you're bad" when told a joke, and how as a kid I thought she was the most glamorous woman because who else gets their hair done once a week, always wears lipstick and reclines on a pink chaise lounge while watching tv? I was lucky to have her as my mommom and my son's GG.- Hilary

October 27 at 8:59 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Evelyn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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