



Eleanor Jewell Byrnes

July 2, 1918 - January 22, 2019

Eleanor J. Byrnes, age 100, died on January 22, 2019 in Arlington, VA, where she had lived for the last 8 years. She was born in Worcester, MA, in July 1918 to John and Margaret (Shea) Jewell. She was a graduate of the University of MA and also had graduate credits at Indiana University. Before her marriage in 1942, she was a home economist at a public utility in Worcester, MA. Eleanor was the wife of Robert F. Byrnes, Distinguished Professor of History at Indiana University, who died in 1997. She is survived by 6 of her 7 children, 17 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. Her children and their spouses are Shaun (Jill) of Falls Church, VA; Sally (Bill) Neylon of St. Johnsbury, VT; Susan (Tony) Wallace of Arlington, VA; Robin (Bob) Huntington of River Forest, IL; Charles (Mary Anne) of Greensboro, NC; and Jim (Laura) of Westlake, OH. A daughter, Sheila (Ken) Bowles of Springfield, MO, predeceased her. Eleanor is also survived by a half-brother and sister, Richard Jewell of Portland, ME, and Jean Mickelson of Madison, WI. Eleanor was active in the community as a member of the University Club, The Women's Club of Bloomington, Head Start, Meals on Wheels, Bloomington Hospital Auxiliary, and Bloomington Public Library; she also was a long-time Red Cross volunteer in the Blood Donation Program and in the Book Sales unit. For 40 years she served on the Election Board in her precinct. At Indiana University Eleanor was a member of the Friends of Music and the Varsity Club. Memorials in her memory may be made to the Eleanor Jewell Byrnes Piano Scholarship at the Jacobs School of Music, Indiana

University, 1201 East Third Street, Bloomington, IN 47405; the Red Cross, 1600 W. 3rd St., Bloomington, IN 47403; or WonderLab Science Museum, 308 W. 4th Street, Bloomington, IN 47404. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at St. Paul's Catholic Center, with Fr. Meany officiating. Burial will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens. Friends may visit from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. on Friday, February 1, 2019 at Allen Funeral Home.

You are invited to share a memory or leave a condolence for Eleanor's family at allencares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Tribute Wall

DM

“ We were so sorry to hear recently of Eleanor's passing. She was a wonderful woman in every way, and Sharon and I both have many fond memories of her. Our deepest condolences to the whole family. Shaun and Jill: we'd love to be back in touch, so if you'd like, please contact us at dmason@butler.edu.

*David and Sharon Mason
Indianapolis*

David Mason - January 04, 2020 at 02:25 PM

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“ Susan, I attended St. Charles School with you. I want to tell you that your family had a lasting impact on me. You and Eva Benes were my first contact with people whose lives were not limited by Bloomington. You showed me the other side of life in our "town and gown" divided world. I think of you often and wish I could be at my home parish, St. Paul's, to attend your mother's memorial Mass, but my husband and I are in Sarasota, Florida, where we spend the winter. I would love to reconnect with you. I am not a Facebook user, but would love to hear from you, and you may contact me at euclain@comcast.net . I think of you every time I drive past your house on University Street. God bless you all as you gather to celebrate your mother, who left a lasting influence on many individuals and organizations in our community. You are all in my prayers. Eileen Underwood Crain

Eileen Underwood Crain - February 01, 2019 at 08:32 PM

DK

“ I am so sad that i cannot be there this weekend to celebrate the wonderful life of your mom. It was one of the wonders of my life to be allowed into your exceptional family. "Mrs" Byrnes was a model of what a mother should be; what a gift she was. I do hope all were able to be there and pray for safe travel's. Danny Burns Keough

daniel keough - February 01, 2019 at 05:59 PM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Eleanor Jewell Byrnes.



February 01, 2019 at 01:09 PM



“ Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Eleanor Jewell Byrnes.



January 31, 2019 at 11:57 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Eleanor Jewell Byrnes.



January 29, 2019 at 01:27 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Eleanor Jewell Byrnes.



January 29, 2019 at 12:42 PM



“ *Barbara & Mark Siciliano, Pocatello Idaho* purchased the *White Standing Spray* for the family of Eleanor Jewell Byrnes.



Barbara & Mark Siciliano, Pocatello Idaho - January 27, 2019 at 11:15 PM



“ *William P.* purchased the *Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Standing Spray* for the family of Eleanor Jewell Byrnes.



William P. - January 26, 2019 at 09:25 AM