



Eleanor R. Crist

August 25, 1937 - March 26, 2019

McLean, VA: Eleanor R. Crist 81, formerly of Potsdam, peacefully passed away on March 26, 2019 at Avalon House in McLean, VA surrounded by her loving children and niece, Tracy. A graveside service will be held for family, friends and loved ones on Monday, April 1, 2019, at 2:00 PM in Evergreen Cemetery, Canton, New York.

Eleanor was born on August 25, 1937, in Potsdam, NY, the daughter of the late Jerry and Helen (Bradley) Randall, and went to school in Canton. She was valedictorian of her high school graduating class and, upon graduation, went to work at the then St. Lawrence National Bank in Canton. Eleanor married Frank "Bob" Gurley, who was attending college in Canton, in 1957 to whom she was married until 1975. Bob's work took them to live in Utica, the Buffalo area, Massachusetts and ultimately Virginia. No matter where they moved, St Lawrence County was always home for Eleanor.

Eleanor met Thomas "Tommy" Crist in 1975 through their shared love of country music. They were married in 1980 until Tommy's death in 2014. While her children were young, Eleanor stayed at home to raise them, working part-time jobs for "mad money". Later, Eleanor was employed by the National Right to Work Committee where she was promoted to management and worked until she retired.

Eleanor is survived by her two children, Lynn Gurley of Maryland and Chris Gurley of Virginia; a grandson, Jared Hopkins and fiancé Brittany Wright; and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by two sisters, Ethelyn (Clark) Baker and Barbara (Francis) Pryce. Eleanor came back to visit her family and friends as often as she could, no matter how far away she lived.

Eleanor enjoyed shopping and hosting pool parties at her home in Virginia for family when they came to visit and friends, but she was happiest when she, Tommy and "the kids" came "up north". Eleanor loved playing Aggravation and cards, camping, going on day trips and enjoying music with her family and friends. Most of all she loved being "home". Memorial contributions may be made in Eleanor's memory to Vitas Hospice Health Care or the Parkinson's Foundation. Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Phillips Memorial Home, Madrid. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.PhillipsMemorial.com

Cemetery

Evergreen Cemetery

2438-2450 New York 68

Canton, NY, 13617

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“ To the family of Eleanor Christ,

So saddened to hear of Eleanor's passing -- so many fond childhood memories!

With my deepest sympathy.

Love,
Bev Robinson

Beverly Robinson - March 30 at 12:04 PM



“ Lynn and family, I am so sorry to read of the passing of your mom. I'm thinking of you during this sad time. Karen. Karen Butler Easter, Potsdam, NY

Karen Easter - March 29 at 06:31 PM



“ My Condolences too the Family Randall & Crist Family Son of her Nephew Clark James Baker Jr Grandson of Her sister Ethylene Baker ... Robert P Baker

Robert Baker - March 29 at 04:21 PM