



Eleanor Louise O'Connell

June 16, 1937 - April 11, 2018

Eleanor Louise O'Connell (Ellie), beloved wife, mother and grandmother passed away in Raleigh, NC at Transitions Hospice Care on April 11, 2018. Eleanor was born June 16, 1937 in Binghamton, NY daughter of the late Bernard and Beatrice Barnes.

Ellie graduated from Binghamton Central High school and earned a BS in Nursing from St. Joseph's College in Emmitsburg, MD. After college she and John R. O'Connell married and moved to Newport, RI where Ellie worked with the Newport visiting nurse program. The couple later located in Poughkeepsie, NY where they raised their two daughters where Eleanor was active in social and athletic activities.

In 1984 the family moved to Cary, NC and enjoyed spending time in Wrightsville Beach, NC. Eleanor's interests included tennis, traveling, crosswords puzzles and fine dining. She especially enjoyed their annual vacation with family and friends at Lake George, NY.

Eleanor was actively involved in club and church activities including Newcomers, Cary Women's Club, Book Club and working with the Center for Volunteer Caregiving. She served as a Eucharistic minister at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church for many years.

Eleanor is survived by her husband of 59 years, John O'Connell (Dick) and her two daughters, Christine O'Connell of Cedar Point, NC, and Sharon Thompson of Medford, NJ, her son-in-law Herbert Thompson and grandchildren Kelly, Sean and Kathryn Thompson.

A mass of Christian burial will be held 11:00 am Friday, April 20, 2018 at St. Michael's Church in Cary, NC with a reception at the Parish Center following the Mass.

Contributions in her memory can be made to the Center for Volunteer Caregiving, 1150 SE Maynard Rd Ste 210, Cary, NC 27511.

Online condolences may be made through www.wakefuneral.com

Cemetery Details

St Michael The Archangel Catholic Church Columbarium

804 High House Rd
Cary, NC 27513

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

APR **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church
804 High House Rd.
Cary, NC 27513
<http://www.stmichaeltcary.org/>

Tribute Wall

NS

“ *Mr O'Connell, we share in your loss of a wonderful lady. You both have been wonderful neighbors & friends ever since me moved to Cary, NC. The kids especially loved Ms Elli's cookies & chocolate cakes. We have enjoyed spending time with you both in our frequent dinners. May the memories you have ease your pain and know that she will always be with you, With sympathy, Nadya, Aadil, Nuserat & Raashid*

Nuserat Sayyad - April 20, 2018 at 06:34 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Eleanor Louise O'Connell.*



April 18, 2018 at 10:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eleanor Louise O'Connell.*



April 16, 2018 at 02:23 PM

LM

“ Love, Marge & John McGinley purchased the Cheeseboard Complete for the family of Eleanor Louise O'Connell.



Love, Marge & John McGinley - April 16, 2018 at 12:01 PM

LF

“ Love & Prayers, The O'Malley Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Eleanor Louise O'Connell.



Love & Prayers, The O'Malley Family - April 16, 2018 at 09:33 AM

JJ

“ Jerry and Ruth, Tom and Bonnie, Susan and Jack purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Eleanor Louise O'Connell.



Jerry and Ruth, Tom and Bonnie, Susan and Jack - April 15, 2018 at 01:14 PM

RR

“ Dick and family, our deepest sympathy in the loss of your wife, mother, and grandmother. I met Ellie when I first moved to Cary in 1987 to work at IBM. Dick was one of the first people that I met. Dick and Ellie invited me to their house for dinner. My family was still in Florida and I only knew a few people in the area. I will never forget how welcomed that visit made me feel. Over the years, Dick and I have maintained our friendship and I would see them often at church. Ellie will be missed and you are all in our prayers. God Bless. Rafael and Lilia Rodriguez

Rafael Rodriguez - April 15, 2018 at 08:41 AM

MA

“ Mr O’Connell, Sharon, and Chrissy, we share in the loss of a wonderful lady, mom, nurse, and Wildcat fan! We enjoyed spending time with you and your family in Wrightsville NC, at Lake George’, Medford, and visits to Villanova. I’m glad that you got to spend time with her, and know that she felt all of your love until she passed. May the memories you have ease your pain and know that she will always be with you, With sympathy, Marli and Bill Greenbaum

marli - April 14, 2018 at 09:33 PM