



Eleanor E. Butler

May 19, 1939 - March 27, 2023

On March 27, 2023, Eleanor E. (Schoeller) Butler, loving wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away at the age of 83 at the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, PA. Eleanor was born on May 19, 1939, to Henry and Esther (Cooke) Schoeller. She grew up in Woodbury, NJ and graduated from Woodbury High School in 1958. Eleanor, a proud member of the Delta Gamma Sorority, graduated from Gettysburg College in 1962. On June 16, 1962, Eleanor married her high school sweetheart and fellow Gettysburg graduate, Lance H. Butler. Together they raised three children, Kristen, Heather, & Lance, Jr. Above all else, Eleanor took pride in and adored her three grandchildren, Nathaniel Butler, Chase Butler, and Samantha Tessier. Eleanor is also survived by her brothers John and Ralph, their spouses, and their children as well as her many nieces and nephews.

Eleanor brought her love of literature, Shakespeare, and nature to 8th graders for over 40 years. She taught at Woodbury High School in Woodbury, NJ, the Hillel Academy in Fairfield, CT, and her beloved Charles F. Patton Middle School in Unionville, PA.

Per Eleanor's wishes, although she loved to throw a party, she requested that there be no funeral services; a celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family asks you to consider a donation in her memory to the Compassionate Care Fund at Masonic Village Elizabethtown, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

The family wishes to thank the dedicated nursing staff, social workers,

therapists, and doctors at the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown for the exceptional care both Eleanor and Lance received during their time at the Village. We also thank Sheetz Funeral Home for their support and guidance.

Tribute Wall

HB

“ Celebration of life for Eleanor Butler will be held at the Charles F. Patton middle school on May 18, 2024 at 2pm.

Heather A. Butler-Tessier - January 18, 2024 at 05:34 PM

LH

“ We remember all the good times we had with Eleanor and Lance in Hamorton Woods. There was nothing like Eleanor’s home at Christmas with all the decorations and beautiful Christmas trees. She was always so wonderful to be with and our “birthday group” had so many good times together. She will surely be missed by her family and friends. We send our condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the the Butler family. Love, Lynda and John Hodgson

Lynda Hodgson - April 26, 2023 at 11:06 AM

ST

Eleanor had a way of making everyone feel welcome. She was a friend and neighbor and our birthday group will always remember her for her legendary teas... the fanciest of tea cakes, and tea cups. ...I will never forget the day a client came to me and said “I just learned that you are a good friend of Eleanor Butler. Is there any way you can manage to get my daughter into her English class?” That situation repeated itself several times and I realized my dear friend had reached the pinnacle of her profession...Eleanor wrote the best notes! I saved some for years and reread them frequently. All the Thompsons loved her. We send our hugs and love to the family. Sandy, Stark, and Doug and Gregg

Sandra Thompson - April 26, 2023 at 11:48 AM

PS

Our dear friend Elenor has always been a special person to the suwyn family. Whether it was a party she was planning for the neighborhood or a shower for weddings etc for children in the neighborhood she was there. Her love of literature was so evident in her note writing. Her love of education in the numerous students she tutored. !!! She truly was a special human.bring We all have our special memories. Isn't that what life is about. She made so many happy memories for us all. Gods speed Eleanor. The suwyn family family.

patt suwyn - May 01, 2023 at 04:22 PM

PS

she will always be remembered.

patt suwyn - May 01, 2023 at 04:23 PM

HB

Thank you for your loving words! Mom loved her "girls"! We are having a celebration of life and dedication of a memorial garden on May 18, 2024 at the Charles F. Patton Middle School at 2pm .. would love to see you there if possible! Heather

Heather A. Butler-Tessier - January 18, 2024 at 05:36 PM

LR

“*Eleanor was a beloved colleague and friend. She welcomed me to Patton Middle School with advice, encouragement and kindness. When I think of Eleanor I think of the very classy tea parties with every detail attended to. In addition, I think of the many students she took time to tutor and provide extra instruction to. I also think of Eleanor and her best friend, Lois, visiting my home after my daughter was born. Eleanor had a special way of making everyone feel important and valued. She set the bar high for her colleagues and taught us through example of the importance of taking time to spread kindness. Eleanor, thank you for taking the time to mentor me and teaching me the importance of stopping to smell the roses and enjoy the cake. To May you rest in the peace you so deserve.*”

Laboure Rafferty - April 25, 2023 at 08:31 PM

LV

“ *My Best Friend Forever! I will always love her and cherish the wonderful memories and experiences we shared... family vacations with the Butlers, Hatteras, our trips to Europe. I think about her every single day!*

My daughter thought of her as a second mother and said she was the very best English teacher she ever had. Rest now dear Eleanor.

Lois A. Vanderburg - April 25, 2023 at 03:44 PM



“ *I interviewed for the Writing Center Specialist with Eleanor and Lynn Fitgibbons back in 1998. I knew I was going to love being in middle school and working with so many amazing people. I got to go on many field trips with her. Eleanor and her friends were so much fun. So much, I started going out to dinner with them and having lots of laughs. One of her favorite places was "Pizza by Elizabeths". Now, when I drive past there, I have many fond memories of our evening out.*

Janis Robertson - April 25, 2023 at 12:05 PM

KC

“Eleanor was my colleague at Patton and an inspiration to all who knew and worked with her. Her classroom with its comfy couch was the most welcoming place in the school. She treated her students with such love and care. She was an excellent teacher. She always had treats available for kids as well. She was a tremendous help to me when I started in this profession in 1997. She was so warm and funny - people just loved to be around her. Her love for her colleagues and students knew no bounds. Those of us fortunate enough to work with her could write volumes about her kindness, mentorship of young teachers and her dedication to our profession. To her children and grandchildren: I am so sorry for your loss - I know your Mom/Grandmother was not well for many years, but losing a loved one is never easy. I hope knowing that she is at peace your Dad/Granddad will bring you comfort.

Kevin Convery - April 25, 2023 at 11:43 AM

CL

Eleanor was a phenomenal woman -an inspiring and unforgettable teacher and mentor, a devoted, adoring and exceptional mother and grandmother, and a most valued, colorful and amusing friend. Her love of the English language, especially shared with 8th graders, was unmatched! Her sense of humor, love of fine food, Drama, and nature was beguiling! My studio and home are charmed by her gifts and mementos. May her family and friends find comfort in knowing she passed with the ultimate in caring and respect at the Masonic Home. She leaves a legacy of many fond memories and a boundless love!

Carol A. Little - April 25, 2023 at 04:50 PM

HB

Thank you for your loving words. If you are able, we are celebrating her life at her beloved middle school on May 18, 2024 at 2pm. Would love to see you if possible.

Heather A. Butler-Tessier - January 18, 2024 at 05:38 PM

HB

“ *Elenor was the best at making you feel loved. My first day of teaching I had a gift bag and flowers on my desk. She would laugh at her mistakes and brought joy to everyone that worked with her. My fondest memories were sitting around a table in her classroom with colleagues while we would laugh and talk about life.*

love, hillary

Hillary L Brogan - April 25, 2023 at 11:41 AM