



Eunice Katherine Russell

June 15, 1923 - January 14, 2018

Eunice Katherine Russell of Sandston, Virginia passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at the age of 94. She was born to Charleston Withmore Heath and Olga Henrietta Mathews on June 15, 1923. Eunice was raised in New York City, NYC. She was baptized, confirmed an active member of the Third Moravian Church on W. 63rd Street in NYC. Eunice often reminisced of her days living in the Dunbar Complex in Central Harlem where she lived amongst notable residents during the Harlem Renaissance. Eunice graduated from an all girls high school, Wadleigh High School, NYC, in 1941. She served as class president, and held first aid, switchboard and post duty positions. Her nickname was “The Dutchess”. This also become the endearing name that her husband called her, and she in turn called him “Pumpkin”. Eunice married Harold Edward Russell in 1942 at the Third Moravian Church, from this marriage they raised five children and enjoyed 74 years together.

Eunice was a graduate of Montefiore Hospital’s nursing school, and began her nursing career as a licensed practical nurse, (LPN) at Bronx Hospital’s preemie unit. Eunice loved working with the babies. She worked in a number of hospitals, private duty, in a substance use clinic owned and operated by a family member, and a group home nurse for individuals with developmental disabilities over her 30+ years of nursing.

Eunice and Harold began their family in the Bronx NY and raised their family

in Springfield Gardens, and Westbury New York. In Queens, Eunice was an active member of the Democratic Club and supported her husband in numerous community social affairs and political engagements. They were a very social couple that enjoyed entertaining and were founding members of the society club, "The Group". Several members of the society club moved to Virginia.

Eunice and Harold's fundraiser of choice was The United Negro College Fund and in New York, Eunice was an active volunteer for the annual NY telethon. When they moved to Sandston Virginia in 1987 they began their own tradition named "Trim a Tree" where yearly they hosted a gala affair where guests trimmed a tree with checks to the college fund. This fundraiser at their Sandston home helped raise thousands of dollars with the support of their friends and family for this charity. She retired from nursing when she moved to Virginia and began working for The College Fund in Richmond, VA for many years. In 1995, Eunice was presented with the United Negro College Fund's meritorious service award for her distinguished years of service.

Eunice and Harold joined St. Phillip's Episcopal Church, where they were active members. Eunice was involved in a number of ministries, was a member of the Altar Guild, Caritas, and St. Anne's Guild.

Eunice enjoyed entertaining and spending time with her family and friends. She enjoyed family vacations at the beach, particularly Emerald Isle, camping by the lake and traveling particularly to Bermuda, the birthplace of her mom. Eunice was a caring, giving person and cherished by others who adopted her and called her "mom".

Harold preceded her passing in October of 2016. Eunice, also known as NuNu, is survived by their five children, Sondra K. Copeland of Charles City, Virginia; Francine M. Moore and son-in-law James Moore of Pikeville, North

Carolina; Harold E. Russell, III of Bethesda, Maryland; Yvonne D. Russell of Atlee, Virginia; and Howard E. Russell of Sandston, Virginia. She is also survived by her sister-in law, Cornelia R. Stokes of Washington, D. C; her wonderful grandchildren; great grandchildren; beloved relatives and friends. Harold and Eunice touched many lives and they will be greatly missed. "Togetherness as a family, that is what it is all about" a quote by Eunice K. Russell. A life well lived.

Cemetery Details

Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia

10300 Pridesville Road
Amelia, VA 23002

Previous Events

viewing

JAN 19. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Wake

JAN 19. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Philips Episcopal
2900 Hanes Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *Eunice Katherine Russell*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Shawn and Jeanette Price purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Eunice Katherine Russell.*



Shawn and Jeanette Price - January 19, 2018 at 09:19 AM



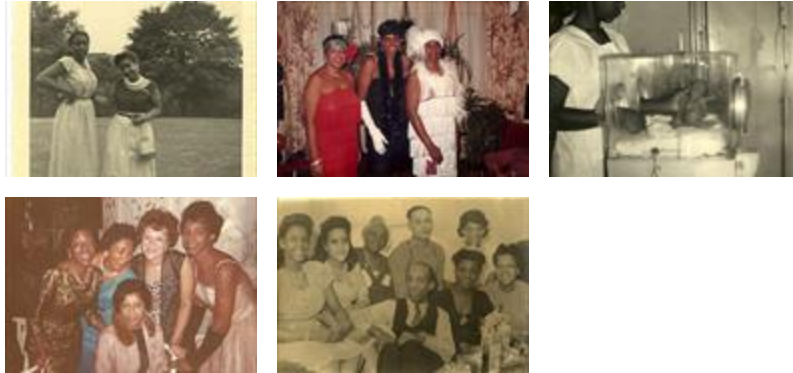
“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Eunice Katherine Russell.*



January 19, 2018 at 08:16 AM

YR

“ 25 files added to the album Mom



Yvonne Russell - January 19, 2018 at 07:37 AM

AA

“ With deepest sympathy for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.

April L. Andrade



April Andrade - January 18, 2018 at 08:05 AM

AF

Harold, I am so sorry for your loss. When we lose a loved one here on earth, we gain an angel in Heaven that watches over us. May you and your family find comfort knowing you now have an angel watching over you. My sincere condolences to you and your family.

*Arnita A. Foster
Information Clerk
Circuit Court of Prince George's County*

Arnita Foster - January 18, 2018 at 09:58 AM

RJ

“ So very sorry that your family suffered the loss of someone so precious to you. Hold on to the memories of Eunice, and know that the Father of tender mercies is your greatest source of strength at this difficult time. So throw your burdens on him, because he cares deeply for you and knows the grief you are going through. 1Peter 5:7. Only he has the power to end death, and he has promised to do so. Isaiah 25:8. He has also promises to bring our dead loved ones back to life. Note this beautiful promise found at Isaiah 26:19: "Your dead will live. My corpses will rise up. Awake and shout joyfully, you residents in the dust. For your dew is as the dew o the morning. And the earth will let those powerless in death come to life." May you find strength in God's wonderful promises.

Rita Johnson - January 17, 2018 at 06:10 PM

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“ The death of a loved one is hard to bear. May your family draw strength and comfort from God's promise at Isaiah 41:10: “Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be anxious, for I am your God. I will fortify you, yes, I will help you, I will really hold on to you with my right hand of righteousness.” Please accept my heartfelt condolence for your loss; your loved one will truly be missed.

Shirley - January 17, 2018 at 02:46 PM



“ Cheryl's Classic Treats Box was purchased for the family of Eunice Katherine Russell.



January 17, 2018 at 12:01 PM

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“ Wishing you peace to bring comfort and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.

Djuan Wilson - January 17, 2018 at 11:53 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eunice Katherine Russell.



January 17, 2018 at 10:32 AM



“ Please accept our deepest sympathy during your hour of bereavement. May you find comfort in knowing that God cares about your pain. (1 Peter 5:7)

Harris Family - January 16, 2018 at 08:30 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - January 16, 2018 at 04:55 PM