



Madeline Cawley

June 14, 1924 - July 14, 2013

Eureka- Madeline June

(Fehr) Cawley, 89, of Eureka, Illinois died at 11:10 PM on Sunday, July 14 at OSF Saint Francis Hospital, Peoria, Illinois after a brief illness.

She was born June 14, 1924 in Eureka to Leonard and Sally (Ifft) Fehr. She married Dallas "Cy" Cawley on July 20, 1945. She was preceded in death by Dallas, her parents, four sisters, and one brother.

Madeline is survived by nine children, Constance (Roland) Lundby of Denver, CO; Thomas (Kathy) Cawley of Joliet, IL; Georgia (Joe Barry) Cawley of Long Grove, IL; Janet (David Stern) Cawley of Rose, NY; Lynn (Joe) McMenamain of Springfield, IL; Jeffrey Cawley of Rose, NY; Carol (Bob) Bally of Eureka, IL; Mitchell (Sherry) Cawley of Birmingham, AL; Bradley (Troy) Cawley-Hamm of Chicago, IL; seventeen grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by her brother, Gene (Marge) Fehr of Eureka, IL; and sisters Eunice (David) Beutel, and Carol (Alvin) Beutel, both of Tremont, IL.

Madeline graduated from Roanoke High School and Brown Business College in Peoria, Illinois. She enjoyed working as a secretary and bookkeeper and helped operate Cy's Superette with her husband in the early years of their marriage. She loved serving the public,

meeting new people, and engaging in conversation. But most of all she loved caring for her family.

As an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary, she made over 80 quilts for veterans at the Quincy and Danville Veteran Homes. She was still sewing. Madeline was also a member of the Eureka Apostolic Christian Church, Home Extension, and Sewing Club. She enjoyed beating everyone at Scrabble, working cross-word puzzles, reading, writing, and taking on any project as a challenge, such as teaching herself to upholster furniture and tailoring suits.

Madeline had amazing compassion and empathy for others. Many came to her for uplifting conversation, encouragement, and counsel. She was a steadfast spouse, committed friend, and loving mother to her nine children, their families, and many others who called her "Mom". She was dearly loved by everyone she met and will be greatly missed.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at Eureka Apostolic Christian Church. Church Ministers will officiate. Visitation will be from 4-8 PM on Tuesday, July 23, at Argo-Ruestman-Harris Funeral Home in Eureka and also 9-9:45 AM before the service at the church on Wednesday. Burial will be in Olio Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Eureka Apostolic Christian Home, 610 W. Cruger Avenue Eureka, IL 61530 or VA Illiana Health Care System (Veterans Home), 1900 E. Main Street, Danville, IL 61832. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.ruestmanharrisfuneralhome.com.

Comments



“ Madeline will always be my ANGEL.
She will always be a very special "ONE" of a very rare kind.
I just watched the video tribute of her and cried like a baby.
Love You Jeffrey!, my brother!

Bennett Adams - October 28, 2014 at 11:26 AM



“ Dear Jeff Carol Lynn Brad and the rest of the kids on the wall. Im sorry for your loss. What a dear sweet friend ,Her smile was allways the light in the kitchen window. When ever I think of home it encludes your Mom, we spent many enjoyable hrs visiting thru the years. She was so delighted with everything life entailed, and such a good catch in her listening and an encourager to me. First meeting her in the guidance office when she was PG with Brad to gutiar lessons with Jeff in the basement or watching her work on the space quilt for Brad, the fall leaves in the yard, scrubing or redoing the hardwood floor! She was such a delight and enjoyed updateing me on the kids on the wall. She allways made me feel welcome, sorry I cant be with you at this time. love Mary

Mary Schultz - October 28, 2014 at 11:26 AM



“ To the Cawley Family: I am thinking of you all today, as you lay your dear mother to rest. I feel Heaven is smiling because of her. She and your dad were good friends with my inlaws, Buck & Esther Mooberry. She touched so many lives with her kindness; after seeing you at visitation, I know you are all a testament to her life. Bless you all.

Alice Mooberry - October 28, 2014 at 11:26 AM



“ To the Cawley kids. You have Barb and I deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother. What a grand and gracious person. What great neighbors over the years. Always a smile and always a kind word. Your mom will be missed. God Bless you all.

Dave Rankin - October 28, 2014 at 11:26 AM



“ Dear Madeline Cawley family, I was so saddened when I saw in the paper this special lady had passed away. On July 6 I helped serve breakfast at the Home and I was so glad to see her and she seemed her usual self. I had to give up my weekly volunteering and programs this summer due to extra family concerns and she was one of my very favorites. We've had some memorable conversations and I enjoyed reading her book. Now I am in Iowa helping my Mom with health concerns and am unable to come to the visitation. I just want the entire family to know I appreciated her so much as a friend and a sister-in-faith and it hurts to know she won't be there to encourage me the next time I'm back at the Home. If things go well, I told her I might be back in the fall and she won;t be there with her beautiful smile, soft voice and smart mind. She was so bright at the games etc. Please know I'm thinking of you all. Lovingly, Beth Steffen

Beth Steffen - October 28, 2014 at 11:26 AM



“ Dear Whitney, Tom and Kathy, and Kip,
All of us Bosts are thankful that we were able to have a glimpse at dear Madeline. We are praying for all of you as you grieve her death. We love you.

~ Sheila

The Bost Family - October 28, 2014 at 11:26 AM



“ You will forever carry her love and good memories with you. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with you.

Geri Gradl & Marcy Henderson - October 28, 2014 at 11:26 AM



“ We were saddened to learn of your unexpected loss. Our thoughts are with the entire Cawley family.

Bob & Judy Torrie - October 28, 2014 at 11:26 AM



“ So sorry to hear about your loss. Your Mom was such a wonderful, kind, caring person who was special to us. I will miss my 15 minute visits that turned into being 2 hours. We are very sorry we cannot make it to the visitation and funeral. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Durward and Janet Cawley - October 28, 2014 at 11:26 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Though our meetings with your mother were too brief and too few she was always a joy to visit with. She treated us as though we were family. She will be missed by our family.

The Hoffman Family - October 28, 2014 at 11:26 AM



“ Dear Carol and Bob and family-
So sorry to hear of the passing of your dear mother and grandmother. She was such a lovely person. We are praying for all of you. God bless.

Colleen and Phil Oltman - October 28, 2014 at 11:26 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Our deepest condolences for the hole family. We have met Sarah grandmother only once but she truly reminding me of my grandma. We will have her in our prayers and thought.

Beata Lachowicz - October 28, 2014 at 11:26 AM



“ I remember sitting at your kitchen table, Georgia, meeting your mom and talking with you and her about important things in our lives and everything else. She was a wonderful listener. Immediately, I knew she cared about me. Your mom reminds me of my mom. Aren't we lucky?

Joann Braam - October 28, 2014 at 11:26 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Your mother was a wonderful woman and one of the nicest persons I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. One of my fondest memories is when she taught me how to make cinnamon rolls when I was about 10 or so. I still have and use the recipe. Uncle Cy sure knew what he was doing when he married your Mom! May your memories of your lives together console you at this time. I deeply regret not being able to be there when you celebrate her life.

Lisa Cawley - October 28, 2014 at 11:26 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. She was a great lady. I remember her well.

Mike Hasty - October 28, 2014 at 11:26 AM



“ Carol My deepest sympathies to you. I know you will sorely miss her. She was a wonderful woman, and you have been a wonderful daughter.. I hope you find peace, knowing that she lived a good life in the love of so many people. My thoughts and prayers for you and your family.. If you need a friend.. my porch and I are still here!

Teresa Hess - October 28, 2014 at 11:26 AM