



Eleanor Bartlett Hairston

March 11, 1937 - March 25, 2016

Eleanor Bartlett Hairston passed away peacefully at home on Good Friday, March 25, 2016, with family gathered.

Born March 11, 1937, in New York to Allen Bartlett, architect, and Edith West Bartlett, homemaker, Eleanor shared a special bond with her identical twin sister, Anne Bartlett Gillett. After early years moving for war work to Atlanta, GA, Louisville, KY, Miami, OK, and Tuscaloosa AL, they settled in Birmingham, AL, in 1945. She graduated from Ramsay High School in 1954 and Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, VA in 1958. She married Waller S. Hairston on June 14, 1958 and moved to Port Deposit, MD, where Waller completed four years of service in the U.S. Navy and received a law degree. In 1962, the family moved to Easton, MD, where Waller began a career practicing law.

Eleanor had four children by 1967 and was involved with their activities. She was a dedicated member of Christ Church, St. Peter's Parish in Easton. In addition to being a substitute teacher for 20 years, she was active in many community organizations, including Easton Branch of American Association of University Women, treasurer for the board of Talbot County Library, treasurer of Mid-Shore League of Women Voters, president of the Episcopal Churchwomen of the Diocese of Easton and of Christ Church, Easton, board member of the Mental Health Association of Talbot County, and vestry

member of Christ Church Easton. She touched so many lives in loving ways and will be long remembered for her compassion, firm friendships, and steadfast faith.

She is survived by her loving husband, Waller Hairston; her twin sister, Anne Gillett with husband, Dick, in Seattle WA; her brother, Allen Bartlett, Jr., with wife Jerrie; nephew, Allen, with wife, Gail, in Boston, MA; son, Will, with wife, Susy, in Harrisonburg, VA; daughter, Anne Hairston-Strang with husband, Ray Strang, in Stevensville, MD, daughter, Sallie Miller, with husband, Joe, in Centreville MD; and eight grandchildren (Nathaniel and Timothy Hairston, Paul and Anna Hairston, Connor and Elizabeth Anne Strang, and Peter and Jesse Miller).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Christ Church, 111 S. Harrison St. Easton, MD 21601 or Talbot Hospice, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601.

A funeral service with Eucharist will be held on Friday, April 1, 2016, 2pm at Christ Church, Easton, MD. The parish hall will be open for visitation with family from 12 to 1:30pm.

Previous Events

Gathering

APR 1. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Christ Episcopal Church, Easton
111 S. Harrison Street
Easton, MD 21601

Service

APR 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Eleanor Bartlett Hairston*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Eleanor Bartlett Hairston*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Eleanor Bartlett Hairston*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Eleanor Hairston was my aunt. She was the matriarch of our "favorite cousins" family that visited at least once a year and stayed with us in my childhood home in Atlanta. My sister and I would play outside all day and eagerly wait for their arrival. As soon as we spotted the jam-packed station wagon carrying 6 head down our street, we would run back home yelling "The cousins are here, the cousins are here!!" I am deeply saddened to hear of Eleanor's passing. In addition to her unwavering love and commitment for family and community, she will be remembered for her warm social grace, natural beauty, impeccable memory and her ability to converse with anyone all the while thoroughly enjoying every minute of the conversation! Extending our heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies to her beloved husband, Waller Hairston, and to their dear family.*

Karen & John Shoffner

Karen Shoffner - April 10, 2016 at 11:08 AM

PF

“ I was deeply sorry to learn of Eleanor's passing. It will be hard to imagine Christ Church without her since she contributed so much time and energy to it.

When I returned to Easton in 1973, I went to work in Waller's law office. He was unfailingly kind and patient so it was no surprise to learn that his wife was the same.

My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family at this sad time. It is a comfort to know that not only did she pass away on the date of the Lord's death, she was with Him on the date of His resurrection.



Phil Foster - March 30, 2016 at 01:35 PM

KE

“ To Mr. Hairston and his dear family, My name is Ken Evans who taught school in Talbot County. My wife and I and our children have moved to various other parts of Maryland since. I want to briefly share an experience that your dear wife was used by God in protecting our daughter Anne. One night I was late getting back to the Public Library to get our daughter Anne. When I arrived, the library had been closed for at least 10 minutes and Anne was nowhere to be seen. I looked again and Mrs. Hairston had Anne in her car in safety. I found out a child molester was trying to pick up our daughter. We are for ever grateful for Mrs. Hairston for she was God's Angel for sure. We love you all in the Lord.

*In Christ,
Ken&Jo Anne Evans*

Ken Evans - March 29, 2016 at 04:35 PM

TS

“ Rest in peace, Eleanor. You leave a community blessed by your presence. Your friendship has meant a great deal to us as well. Our prayers are offered for Waller's comfort.



Mariann and Terry Stackpole

Terry Stackpole - March 28, 2016 at 08:22 PM

PP

“ I worked with Waller at Henry, Hairston & Price and I remember Eleanor as being a gracious southern lady. Pam Price

Pamela M. Price - March 28, 2016 at 07:59 AM

IB

“ I first met Eleanor at a AAUW meeting about 15 years ago and was mesmerized by her personality and leadership style. She was always trying to improve the condition of women and encouraging changes for the better.

She was involved in so many other organizations and gave of herself selflessly because she had a heart of gold. Over the years, every time I saw her, She managed to make me feel special because I felt her intellect, warmth and kindness.

I feel privileged to have known her. As a leader in the community, she set an example for all of us to do more. I will miss her.

Isabelle Bedell.,MPH Easton, MD 21601

Isabelle Bedell.,MPH - March 27, 2016 at 08:53 PM