



Eleanor Clark Purnell

July 4, 2014 - November 13, 2014

Purnell, Eleanor Clark Gummey Yerkes died at Heron Point, Chestertown, MD, on Thursday, November 13, 2014. She was 98.

EI Purnell was born July 4th, 1916, in Philadelphia, PA, and was the daughter of Eleanor Townsend and Clarence H. Clark, III.

She attended Kyneton School and Miss Wright's School in Philadelphia and The Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, NY.

EI owned a dress shop in Bryn Mawr, PA, prior to her marriage to C. Francis Gummey, Jr., in 1938. She lived in Gwynedd Valley, PA, for 20 years.

After the death of her husband in 1955, she married Leonard A Yerkes, Jr., in 1958. They lived in Wilmington, DE, until they moved to Chestertown, MD, in 1975. After the death of Mr. Yerkes, she married J. Hurst Purnell, Jr., in 1992. Mr. Purnell died in 1999. In 2004, EI moved to Heron Point in Chestertown and resided there until her death.

During her lifetime, EI was a member of several Garden Clubs and exhibited in the Philadelphia Flower Show. She was a member of The Colonial Dames, a volunteer in the gift shop at the Delaware Hospital and served on the Kent & Queen Anne's Hospital Auxiliary, chairing the Auxiliary's Christmas Shop in

1977 and 1978. She also served on the Board of the Kent County Humane Society. She was a long-time patron of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

El was preceded in death by her sister, Sheila Clark Page, and brother, Clarence H. Clark, IV, as well as her stepson, Leonard A. Yerkes, III, and step-grandson, Jonathon Krewatch.

She is survived by a son, Charles F. Gummey, Jr., and his wife, Joan (Winkie) of Mendenhall, PA; a daughter, Meg Lenher, and her husband George of Church Hill, MD; four grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. She is also survived by five step-children, eleven step-grandchildren, and numerous step-great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Susan Ross and the staff at Heron Point for their exceptional care and kindness to "Tidi."

Services will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2014, at 11:00 am, at St. Paul's Church, Kent County, 7600 Sandy Bottom Road, Chestertown, MD. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Eleanor Purnell's memory to The Heron Point Resident Council E A F (Employees Appreciation Fund), 501 E. Campus Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620 or to St Paul's Church at the above address.

Cemetery Details

St. Pauls Cemetery (Kent County)

7600 Sandy Bottom Road
Chestertown, MD

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Kent
7760 Sandy Bottom Road
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Eleanor Clark Purnell*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Eleanor Clark Purnell*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Eleanor Clark Purnell*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dearest El, aka Tidi, What a kind and loving stepmother you were to me, to all of us.*

We were blessed the day you married Daddy, and then Hurst.

Clever you with all those

Princeton men. Thank you for sharing your children, Meg and

Charlie with us, and for all the joyous memories we have. We will miss you.

With much love, Mar etcetera

Martha Y. Eustis - November 21, 2014 at 09:42 AM



“ *I am grateful for the friendship I shared with Mrs. Purnell. What a special lady!*

Eugenia Auchincloss - November 19, 2014 at 09:22 AM

MR

“ *Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Clark Purnell*



Max & Maryann Ruehrmund - November 17, 2014 at 08:39 AM

JB

“ *Meg so sorry about your Mom. Hugs*



Joyce Benton - November 14, 2014 at 08:38 PM