



Esther H. Kofron

November 29, 1917 - October 15, 2016

Esther Helen Kofron lived her life as a devout woman of faith, devoted to her family and to charitable causes. She died early Saturday morning, October 15, 2016, surrounded by daughters, Janet and Beth, and sons-in-law, Michael Lavelle and John Robson.

Esther was born in Dyersville, IA, in 1917, one of eight children of Kathryn and Henry Rahe, and moved to Cedar Rapids with her family in 1935. On graduating from Mt Mercy College, she worked at the light company where she met a handsome young man, Jack Kofron. Married in 1941, they faced separation during Jack's World War II military service, raised their family in Philadelphia, and built their life together for 67 years until Jack's death in 2009.

Esther was thoughtful, kind-hearted and dedicated to helping others. A lifelong volunteer, she was active in her church, a supporter of Catholic education, a fun-loving Girl Scout leader, and a faithful volunteer in schools and organizations for disabled children and adults. She loved being in the fresh air birdwatching, golfing, skiing, traveling, and joining family beach holidays and other adventures. An avid gardener, Esther found great inspiration in the beauty and special moments in the garden.

Esther was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-

grandmother and friend. Her family joyfully anticipates their reunion in Paradise. Friends and family will honor her at a memorial service at 10:30 a.m. on November 12 at Heron Point, in Chestertown, MD. Burial will be with her husband in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to Compass Regional Hospice (255 Comet Drive, Centerville, MD 21617), the National Federation of the Blind (200 E. Wells St. Baltimore, MD 21230) or a charity of meaning to the donor.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 12. 10:30 AM (ET)

Heron Point - Wesley Hall
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Esther H. Kofron*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Esther H. Kofron*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Esther H. Kofron*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Brandon Morris sent a virtual gift in memory of
Esther H. Kofron*



Brandon Morris - October 16, 2016 at 06:41 PM



“ *Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to
come. Proverbs 31:25*

*Aunt Esther is, indeed, a woman of great strength and dignity. When
she visited us two years ago, she cooked a wonderful meal for the
family -- at age 96, with limited vision. Always lovely and gracious,
she remains an inspiration. Our prayers are with her family. --
Dennis and Liz (Ted's daughter)*

Liz - October 15, 2016 at 05:50 PM