



## Leona Catherine O'Neill

May 9, 1926 - December 3, 2011

Leona Catherine Briar O'Neill went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, December 3, 2011. She was 85.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, PA, on May 9, 1926, she was the daughter of the late Herman and Catherine Huntzinger Briar. During World War II, Leona worked for Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Company (now known as 3M Corporation) with computers.

Later Leona moved to Chestertown, MD, with her husband in 1954, where she worked side by side with her children on the family dairy farm. When the farm was sold in 1969, she returned to her original work with computers. To update her education, IBM sent her to school. Leona worked as a computer programmer with Elliot Brothers Trucking Company and Easton Memorial Hospital, eventually retiring from Delmarva Sash and Door Company.

An active member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church for many years, Leona taught CCD (Sunday School) to first graders and participated in the RCIA program. In addition, she was a member of the Secular Order of the Discalced Carmelites.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph M. O'Neill Sr., and her son, Joseph M. O'Neill Jr.; her four daughters, Theresa Kessinger of Stevensville, MD,

Kathleen O'Neill of Annapolis, MD, Mary Luike and her husband Jack of Betterton, MD, and RuthAnn O'Neill of Chestertown; one son, Thomas O'Neill and his wife, Chris of Levittown, PA; seven grandchildren, J. Michael O'Neill, III, and his wife, Jennifer of Centreville, Christine Sherry and her husband, Edward, Jacqueline Huffer and her husband John of Millington, Charles "Buddy O'Neill, and his wife Nohemi of Springville, Utah, Corey O'Neill of Levittown, PA, Jessica Luike of Betterton, MD, and Bryan O'Neill of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky; and nine great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, December 9, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Internment will follow at Crumpton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Hospice of Queen Anne's and the Kent & Queen Anne Rescue Squad.

## Cemetery Details

### **Crumpton Cemetery**

Crumpton, MD

## Previous Events

### **Service**

DEC 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church  
508 High Street  
Chestertown, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Leona Catherine O'Neill*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Leona Catherine O'Neill*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Leona Catherine O'Neill*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



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**Jessica Luike** - December 06, 2011 at 05:32 PM



“ *Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of Leona Catherine O'Neill*



**Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell** - December 06, 2011 at 01:37 PM

MS

“ Molly Elburn Smith lit a candle in memory of Leona Catherine O'Neill



Molly Elburn Smith - December 06, 2011 at 02:27 AM

MS

Dear Ruth Ann, Your Mom was always so nice to me. I remember a number of times spending the weekend with you and having such a great time hanging out. I am so sorry for your loss..I know she meant the world to you. Always Molly

Molly Elburn Smith - December 06, 2011 at 02:30 AM

RO

Thank you so much Molly - Mom always loved my friends! Ruthie

RuthAnn O'Neill - October 20, 2012 at 06:14 PM

MS

“ Marie Spray lit a candle in memory of Leona Catherine O'Neill



Marie Spray - December 05, 2011 at 08:02 PM

MK

“ To the O'Neill family, I have many fond memories of growing up and spending time together at school, church or just visiting at each other's house. Mrs. O'Neill was quick to give a hug or a sweet smile and always made me feel welcome. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. Margaret Cohey Kaufman

Margaret Cohey Kaufman - December 05, 2011 at 07:26 PM

AC

*Your mother (grandmother or great grandmother, whichever might apply) left a wonderful legacy in YOU, her children and grandchildren. May God bless all of you; I know she loved everyone of you and talked so highly of each and everyone of you.*

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**Aunt Betty Card** - December 19, 2011 at 06:38 PM