



Lorraine Miller Fry

July 31, 1923 - January 28, 2019

Lorraine Miller Fry, 95, of Chestertown, MD, died January 28, 2019, in the presence of her family.

Born in Elmira, NY, on July 31, 1923, she was the daughter of the late Arthur G. L. and Anna Ray Miller, and the oldest of four children. Lorraine grew up in Mt. Vernon, NY, where she graduated from A.B. Davis High School in 1941. She spent her summers away from the city, visiting family in rural Laytonsville, MD, where she met and fell in love with a neighboring farmer, Edwin C. Fry.

After high school, Lorraine moved to Washington, DC, to attend Sibley Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and became a Registered Nurse. Lorraine and Ed's commitment to each other did not waver, and they married in 1945.

Lorraine often mentioned the steep learning curve she faced in adjusting from her life in New York City to unfamiliar responsibilities associated with farm life in Laytonsville. While supporting farm demands and raising four children, she also worked as a nurse part-time. Lorraine and Ed moved Fair Hill Farm and their family to Chestertown in 1960, where she continued her nursing career at Kent & Queen Anne's Hospital, followed by many years as the office nurse for Dr. Gottfried Baumann.

In midlife, Lorraine became a student of metaphysical philosophy and was an early adopter of meditation, yoga, and mindful living. These pursuits led her to become a longtime member of Chester River Friends Meeting and to receive the distinction of being a member of the Commentator Group for the School for Esoteric Studies in New York.

Lorraine furthered her self-exploration by delving into artistic painting. Her art was individualistic, and for a woman who projected a calm presence, the abstract style with exciting use of color provided evidence of another aspect of her personality. Lorraine found her artistic home on Monhegan Island, ME, where she and Ed purchased a house in 1983, allowing her to spend subsequent summers painting amidst the forest trails and striking coastal setting.

An independent woman, Lorraine explored Mayan Ruins in Mexico, traveled to Antarctica, and hiked across New Zealand. She was strongly influenced by her volunteer nursing experience on the Navajo Indian reservation in Tuba City, AZ. Lorraine also volunteered closer to home, furthering the development of the Kent County Public Library, Kent Hospice, and Herron Point.

Lorraine was quiet, but confident; rooted, but curious; and expected much of herself, but was forgiving of others. She stated that Ed's greatest gift to her was his support of her many independent pursuits.

Lorraine was preceded in death by Edwin C. Fry, her husband of 67 years, and her sister, LaVerna White. She is survived by her brother, Arthur Miller, of Allenstown, NH; sister, Charlene Lang, of Mt. Airy, MD; daughter Joan Cummings (Doug), of Wilmington, DE; and three sons, Edwin R. (Marian), Robert (Judy Gifford), and Kenneth (Bronwyn), all of Chestertown. Lorraine found great joy in her nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. on February 9 at the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown.

In lieu of flowers and in honor of her support of the arts, contributions in memory of Lorraine can be made to the Kent County Arts Council, Inc., 101 Spring Ave., Chestertown, MD 21620.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

celebration of life

FEB 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Presbyterian Church of Chestertown
905 Gateway Drive
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Lorraine Miller Fry*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Lorraine Miller Fry*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Lorraine Miller Fry*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



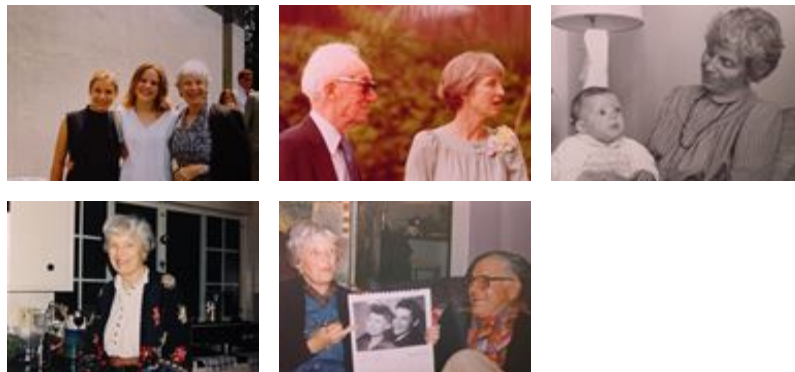
“ *We were saddened to learn of Lorraine's passing. But we have such bright and warm memories of both Mom Fry and Pop Fry. Our meetings were too few, but always fun and uplifting--time with them was as an event we always looked forward to.*

Miwon and Bill Yost

Bill and Miwon Yost - February 09, 2019 at 06:32 AM



“ 90 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 06, 2019 at 12:10 PM

RS

“ Mom Fry treated me like her own son. I was very lucky to have met Edwin R at the AGR Fraternity house University of Maryland in 1965. I got to share so many memories with the entire family over the decades. I have been blessed to know them all and send my sincerest condolences.



Robert Simpson - February 04, 2019 at 01:35 PM

DZ

“ Diane Zang lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Miller Fry



Diane Zang - February 02, 2019 at 03:21 PM

LI

“ *Luisa's Cucina Italiana lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Miller Fry*



Luisa's Cucina Italiana - February 01, 2019 at 10:45 PM

DN

“ *Debbie And Bob Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Miller Fry*



Debbie and Bob Nickerson - February 01, 2019 at 03:09 PM

SJ

“ *Suzanne Jackson lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Miller Fry*



Suzanne Jackson - February 01, 2019 at 02:02 PM

JM

“ *Jeff And Cindy Moore lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Miller Fry*



jeff and cindy moore - February 01, 2019 at 08:36 AM

PS

“ Patricia And Billy Sutton lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Miller Fry



Patricia and Billy Sutton - January 31, 2019 at 08:17 PM

BS

“ Bill & Stephanie Spencer lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Miller Fry



Bill & Stephanie Spencer - January 31, 2019 at 06:41 PM

JB

“ So sorry to hear about your Mom, Ed and Joan! She was a wonderful lady and now with your Dad!



Joyce Benton - January 30, 2019 at 09:25 PM

PN

“ Phillip And Susan Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Miller Fry



Phillip and Susan Nickerson - January 30, 2019 at 07:55 PM

DH

“ *Denny And Judy Hickman lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Miller Fry*



Denny and Judy Hickman - January 30, 2019 at 06:59 PM

DG

“ *Donna Tony Gibbons-Neff lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Miller Fry*



Donna Tony Gibbons-Neff - January 30, 2019 at 05:37 PM

DG

Tony and I send our deepest sympathy to the entire Fry family. Lorraine was a lovely person.

Donna Tony Gibbons-Neff - January 30, 2019 at 05:39 PM

JK

“ *Vicki and I are saddened to hear of Lorraines passing. I have always admired her inner strength, kindness and gentleness. I have always looked up to her and Mr. Ed and they have raised a wonderful family. To all of the family we are sorry for your loss.*

Vicki and Jack King

jack king - January 30, 2019 at 05:30 PM

JB

“ *To Mrs Lorraine's family
We are so sorry for the loss of your Mother.
Please know you all are in our thoughts and
prayers.*

Joyce (Dulin) and Wayne Bradley

Joyce Bradley - January 30, 2019 at 04:45 PM



“ *Marian Wyble lit a candle in memory of
Lorraine Miller Fry*

Marian Wyble - January 30, 2019 at 02:06 PM



DS

“ *David And Judy Sharretts lit a candle in
memory of Lorraine Miller Fry*

David and Judy Sharretts - January 30, 2019 at 08:11 AM



CR

“ Skip and Ben and I are saddened with the loss of such a kind and lovely person - and great mother and grandmother (and great grandmother). Our lives were enriched to know her - but we have to acknowledge that she is now with her beloved "Pop Fry" - and I know she is happier. Much love to ALL of the Frys....what a wonderful family you are.

Cathy & Ben Raphael and Skip Middleton

Cathy Raphael - January 29, 2019 at 08:07 PM

AW

“ To Everyone in the Fry Families:
George and I are so sorry for your loss. We are sending loads of hugs and prayers through this difficult loss. Lean on each other and remember the good memories!
George and Candy Wilson

ANNE CANDY WILSON WILSON - January 29, 2019 at 02:38 PM

DS

“ Dave And Donell Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Lorraine Miller Fry



Dave and Donell Smith - January 29, 2019 at 11:30 AM