



Mary Margaret Eliason Hoopes Forney

September 5, 1916 - February 26, 2014

Mary Margaret Eliason Hoopes Forney died peacefully at her home in Chestertown on Wednesday, February 26. She was 97.

Born on September 5, 1916, in Chestertown MD, she was the daughter of the late Thomas W. and Marguerite Cree Eliason.

Mary Margaret graduated from Chestertown High School in 1933, from Wilson College in 1937, and received her degree in library science from Drexel University. She worked at the university library and later at Queen Anne's County Library, where she drove the bookmobile before taking over as librarian.

She married Lt. Robert D. Hoopes, Jr., in 1943 and lived with him in New London, CT. His submarine was lost in WWII, and she returned to Chestertown where she raised their daughter, Meg, worked at the Queen Anne's County Library, and was active in the community.

In 1963, she married Robert L. Forney and moved from Spring Avenue to join his family on Campus Avenue. She retired from her library job but continued with more community interests, including scouting, the hospital auxiliary, and the Mid Shore Symphony Society. A lifelong member of First Methodist Church, she taught and superintended the Sunday school, led the children's'

choir, sang in the adult choir, belonged to The Queen Esther Circle and served on many church committees and boards.

She was predeceased by her husbands, and brothers, Thomas W. Eliason, Jr., and Alan Eliaso; brothers John C. Eliason of Chestertown, David M. Eliason of Santa Monica, CA, and J. Walker C. Eliason of Chestertown. She is also survived by her children, daughter Marguerite Hoopes Gulbrandsen and her husband, Leif, of Fairlee, MD; Dr. Michael Forney and his wife, Kirsten, of Still Pond, MD; Gerry Forney Hadaway of Rehoboth, DE; Dennis Forney and his wife, Becky, of Lewes, DE; Mary Forney Paterson and her husband, Pat, of Wilmington, NC; and Raymond Forney of Fair Hill, MD. Additional survivors are seventeen grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2014, at 3 P.M. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Chestertown. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Wilson College c/o the Advancement Office, 1015 Philadelphia Avenue, Chambersburg, PA 17201, to benefit the library renovation or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Chester Cemetery

Chestertown, MD

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 8. 3:00 PM (ET)

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
101 N. Cross St.
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Margaret Eliason Hoopes Forney* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Mary Margaret Eliason Hoopes Forney* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Mary Margaret Eliason Hoopes Forney* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Ginger Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret Eliason Hoopes Forney* ”



Ginger Cooper - March 10, 2014 at 08:04 AM



“ *Sara & David Quinn lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret Eliason Hoopes Forney* ”



Sara & David Quinn - March 08, 2014 at 12:07 PM

WF

“ *MM always treated me like I was part of her family with love and kindness!*

I will not be at her service for a celebration of her life but will always remember her

for her kindness towards me.

Wishing her family my sympathy.

William Fischer, Baltimore

William Fischer - March 07, 2014 at 08:48 AM

DJ

“ *David Alexander Jr lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret Eliason Hoopes Forney*



David Alexander Jr - March 05, 2014 at 02:16 PM

HH

“ *Harriette Hall lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret Eliason Hoopes Forney*



Harriette Hall - March 05, 2014 at 11:52 AM

RM

“*Rose Marie Frank Maus lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret Eliason Hoopes Forney*



Rose Marie Frank Maus - March 04, 2014 at 02:49 PM

RM

Sorry for the loss of your mother.

Rose Marie Frank Maus - March 04, 2014 at 02:50 PM

JB

“*Joyce & Wayne Bradley lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret Eliason Hoopes Forney*



Joyce & Wayne Bradley - March 04, 2014 at 10:54 AM

DF

“*Dave And Donell Smith, The Villages, FI lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret Eliason Hoopes Forney*



Dave and Donell Smith, The Villages, FI - March 04, 2014 at 10:00 AM

FD

“ Frankie And Jane Dill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Margaret Eliason Hoopes Forney



Frankie and Jane Dill - February 28, 2014 at 09:25 AM

TR

“ Dear family,
I did not know Mary personally, but I wanted to express my deepest sympathy. At times like this, I have personally found Jesus Christ's words at John 5:28,29 to be truly comforting where he promised that "the hour is coming when all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out...to a resurrection of life." I look forward to that time so much. Again, I'm so sorry for your loss and I will keep you in my prayers.

Tamara Ron - February 28, 2014 at 07:30 AM

BS

“ Bill & Stephanie Spencer lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret Eliason Hoopes Forney



Bill & Stephanie Spencer - February 27, 2014 at 07:53 PM

TJ

“ *Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret Eliason Hoopes Forney*



Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - February 27, 2014 at 06:56 PM