



Helyn Eda Maurer Utley

March 2, 2015

Helyn Eda Maurer Utley entered eternal life on March 2, 2015. Born on September 12, 1916 in Maple Shade, NJ, she was the fifth child of Conrad and Maria (Szuchy) Maurer's nine children. Upon graduation from Moorestown High School, she attended the Reading (PA) Hospital School and following graduation became a registered nurse.

Helyn married ENS Wallace Alfred Utley, USN on April 25, 1942 and spent the next 20 years as a "Navy wife." During that period, which necessitated moving every few years, she served as an avid volunteer and organizer for many churches, PTA's, the American Red Cross, and various cancer and heart disease charities. Following her husband's retirement from the Navy, she served the military in its alcohol and drug rehabilitation program and became an active church member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Maple Shade, NJ, later Elmer Presbyterian Church, Elmer, NJ, and finally The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Vineland, NJ. In 1984, she founded the County Garden Club serving Franklinville, NJ and surrounding communities.

During a temporary residency at the Fleet Landing Retirement Community,

Atlantic Beach, FL, Helyn continued giving of her talents, which included organizing and directing 2 entertainment follies and the Easter Parade, plus writing and producing 2 religious dramas – i.e., “The Last Supper” and “The Foot of the Cross.” She was also responsible for instituting a line dancing program and the establishment of a lawn bowling club for the residents at the retirement community.

She was predeceased by her parents, seven of her siblings, and her husband of over 58 years, CDR Wallace A. Utley, USN (Ret.). Surviving are children Wallace R. Utley of Monroeville, PA, Bunny U. Tjaden (Jack) of Rockville, MD, Linda U. Vandy (Patrick) of Wilmington, DE, David P. Utley (Jesie) of Gulf Breeze, FL, a former daughter-in-law, Cheryl, P. McAllister of Fort Myers Beach, FL, sister Janet M. Raynor of Maple Shade, NJ, six grandchildren, six great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, dear friends Donna and John Topolosky, Susan Guerrieri, and Mary Wentroble of Monroeville, PA, loving caretakers Joanne Crosby, JoAnn Berlin, and Janel Shearer, and many other acquaintances.

There will be a visitation one hour before the service from 10AM to 11AM. A funeral service will be held at The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 2384 E. Landis Ave., Vineland, NJ 08361 at 11AM on March 7th, 2015 followed by interment at the Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery and a reception with family and friends at Scotland Run Country Club. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Helyn’s memory to either the Country Garden Club c/o Triple Oaks Nursery, 2359 Delsea Dr., Franklinville, NJ 08322 or The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 2384 E. Landis Ave., Vineland, NJ 08361. Arrangements by Adams Funeral Home, Elmer, NJ. ww

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Cemetery Details

Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery

240 S. Tuckahoe Rd.
Monroe Township, NJ 08094

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
2384 E. Landis Ave.
Vineland, NJ 08361

Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Our deepest condolences to Helyn's family at this time. We offer our prayers & thoughts w/God's wonderful healing surrounding you. I met Helyn & Wallace & family in the late 60's after they formed a young adults group through the Lutheran Church. Many a fine hour spent meeting new friends & achieving long friendships. Those are favored moments in my life & so appreciate our life paths crossing.

Sue Holcomb - March 05, 2015 at 12:07 PM