



Georgia Elizabeth McKinney

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Georgia Elizabeth Parris McKinney, age 92, loving wife and mother entered her heavenly rest on March 17, 2015. She had traveled to her “dream home” in Cape Coral to spend time with family there, then had a brief stay in Cape Coral Hospital. She was surrounded by her husband and children as she peacefully left the family with hearts full of her loving affection, joy in living and the resolve to make every day the best it can be.

Georgia was born on May 1, 1922 in Seaford, DE, daughter of the late Luther Hopkins and Anna Marie (Hudson) Parris. She was a long time resident of Rehoboth and Dewey Beach, Delaware and Cape Coral, Florida. Georgia graduated from Seaford High School and was a proud member of The Order of the Eastern Star. Her life was devoted to the goals and dreams she shared with her soul mate and husband Charles, having been married for 67 years.

Thru those years, they operated several service stations, a bus station, a motel and apartments. In April of 1966, they purchased what became known as Pier Point Marina in Dewey Beach where they continued to work along side each other in building a family business that has showcased the values and heart of the Dewey Beach community they both loved.

As a wife to Charles, mother to seven children, Mom-Mom to 16 grandchildren, great-Mom-Mom to 17 great-grandchildren and “Mom” to so many others, Georgia has had a profound influence on generations of family and friends. She always found time to nurture and embrace others with a smile and kind words. Everyone was always welcome to stop by, sit and chat or to have a bite to eat at the McKinney home where she had an open door and open arms.

Georgia loved fishing, boating, clamming, crabbing, sailing, walking the many beaches of Florida’s Gulf Coast while collecting thousands of sea shells with her best friend Annabelle. Never one to pass up a challenge, Georgia even learned to water ski at the age of 45 where she popped out of the water on her first try! Georgia loved music and enjoyed dancing and especially listening to her brother Lou’s ensemble throughout many years as they played the local venues close to



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home. She enjoyed many years of travel in the motor home exploring the country with “Daddy” and other family and friends.

Back at home she always tended flowers and vegetables and especially enjoyed making the marina entrance and her home inviting with the colors of the many flowers she loved. She loved creatures great and small and took enormous pleasure in her cat, Milo, for many years, as well as all the many family pets that found a home among her seven children as they were growing up.

Georgia loved to play games and spent many hours with all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren putting puzzles together, playing dominoes, and lots of different card and board games. One of her greatest pleasures was playing cards with her husband and inviting family and friends to join them in a game of canasta.

Nothing could compare with the joy and delight she always took in creating holiday dinners. Gathering family and friends to celebrate her favorite holidays at Christmas and Easter was memorable each year. She never passed up an opportunity to put together a party and have everyone come and enjoy cookouts or clam chowder or whatever fare of the season was ready for her table. She loved having a large gathering and creating an environment of fun and laughter to share with everyone.

Georgia’s life was characterized by caring for others in a deeply personal way. She was always ready to lend her time as well as her listening heart and helping hands to make someone else’s life better. Her generosity of spirit, her courage and determination, her love of life and words of comfort and wisdom will always remain a living memorial within the hearts of those she loved and blessed throughout her life.

In addition to her parents, Georgia was preceded in death by her son, Gene, a brother, Lou and sisters, Anna Marie and Elsie. Georgia is survived by her devoted husband, Charles H. McKinney; and six children: Homer, Carla, Charles Jr., Myra, Donald and Ronald.

On the anniversary of Georgia’s 93rd birthday, a Memorial Service honoring her life will be held on Friday, May 1, 2015 at 2:00 pm at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958, where friends may visit beginning at 1:00 PM. After the services, family and friends are invited to gather at the Dewey Beach Lions Club on McKinley St. in Dewey Beach.



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“A life well lived needs no merit. It already stands worthy before all.”

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to her favorite charities which included St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105, Disabled American Veterans, 183 South Street, Camden Wyoming, DE 19934 or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 163, Salisbury, MD 21803-016.

Please sign Georgia's guestbook located on this site.

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MM

Marjorie Mckinney posted:

Aunt Georgia, It is with a heavy heart that I write this. Over the years there were so many happy memories. Among them were the times we shared in Punta Gorda when my cousins, my sisters and I were growing up. So much love and laughter. So now you have left us and we look forward to our reunion when it is our turn to pass. What a joyous reunion that will be. Love, Marjorie

April 24 at 8:00 PM

ES

Eric Stoeckel posted:

You will be greatly missed and forever in the hearts of all that had the pleasure of knowing you

April 23 at 8:00 PM

TM

Tracey Mckinney posted:

Love you Mommom

April 17 at 8:00 PM

GS

Gail K Ingram-Smith posted:

Mrs. McKinney will be forever in my heart. what a wonderful, caring and powerful woman she was. She loved my brother Joe almost as much as she loved her own sons. I don't care how many years passed that we didn't see each other, but she knew exactly who i was and welcomed me with open arms. You will surely be missed....by your friends AND family.

April 16 at 8:00 PM

KM

Kimberly Mercado posted:

Mommom I Love you and miss you so much. You were such an amazing woman. I am so glad that Nic and Tori got to meet you. Your legacy will continue through all of your children. We Love You

April 15 at 8:00 PM

CM

Claudia Miller posted:

With precious LOVE you will always be remembered.

April 15 at 8:00 PM



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EF

Elaine Fannin posted:

May God bless you, You were loved by all that knew you.I know I always loved to see you and your husband to come in the bank over the years. You touch everyone with your love .

April 15 at 8:00 PM

DW

Donna Watson posted:

We will all miss you so much!

April 15 at 8:00 PM

PR

Pam Racine posted:

You will be missed mom Mckinney as I called you. So many memories.

April 15 at 8:00 PM

MS

Melissa Short posted:

Love and prayers to all the family. She was a very special lady who meant a lot to Mom. I'm only sorry I didn't spend more time with her.

April 15 at 8:00 PM

GI

Gj, Kellie, Cody, Casey & Collin Illian posted:

You will be forever missed and never forgotten...We love you.

April 15 at 8:00 PM

PI

Pamela Illian posted:

I love and miss you mom-mom beach, you were and always will be my lighthouse in the storms.

April 14 at 8:00 PM

RM

Ronald Mckinney posted:

I will love you forever.

April 12 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Georgia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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