



Charlotte Lee Cannon

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Charlotte Lee Cannon, 93, passed away peacefully at home on October 18, 2014. She was born in Wilmington, Delaware on July 25th, 1921, one of three children of the late Maurice D. and Geraldine S. Lee.

Her Father, a life-long employee of the Du Pont Company, moved several times during his career. She spent her early years in Buffalo, New York, eventually settling in Greenwich, Connecticut where she graduated from The Ethel Walker School in Simsbury in 1939. On a trip to Wilmington, she met Henry P. Cannon, II from Bridgeville whom she married on June 17, 1941. Upon returning from the war, she and Henry set about renovating the house on the Dale Farm, just north of Bridgeville, where they lived happily together for 52 years until his death in 1994.

Though busy raising three children, she soon became involved in the newly opened Nanticoke Memorial Hospital in Seaford where she became one of the first members of the auxiliary and served on the Board of Directors for over forty years. She organized and ran a benefit horse show in Seaford for twenty one years, and then helped start and run the annual spring hospital dinner and auction which continues to this day; her beautiful needlepoint work was always a popular auction item. She was also frequently seen volunteering in the gift shop at the hospital and at Life Care at Lofland Park. At the First Annual Nanticoke Tribute Dinner in November of 2005, she received The Founders Award for her half century of dedication and service to the hospital.

She became the first female member of the Board of Directors of Delmarva Power & Light in 1977 and served for ten years. When the Delaware Department of Transportation announced plans for a new east-west limited access highway across the county to facilitate summer beach traffic, she helped organize and run the citizens group, SOSOC (Save Our Sussex County), to oppose the new road and to offer viable alternatives using existing roads. Due to extensive opposition from many local businesses and landowners, the proposal was eventually withdrawn by DelDOT. She received the Community Citizen Award from the Henlopen Grange in 1992 for her work with SOSOC.



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The family wishes to extend their sincere gratitude to Compassionate Care Hospice and Griswold Home Care for their kind, supportive and dedicated caregivers in her home at the end of her life.

She is survived by her two sons, Henry P. Cannon, III (Cora) of Jacksonville, Florida and Maurice L. Cannon of Lewes, Delaware; her daughter, Katharine D. Cannon of Lewes; five grandchildren; three great-grandsons; and, her brother, Maurice D. Lee of Cranbury, New Jersey.

A Memorial service will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 2 Williams Street, Bridgeville, DE where friends may visit beginning at 10 AM. Burial will be private. Arrangements are being handled by Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Hardesty Chapel, Bridgeville, DE

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Charlotte's memory to St. Mary's Episcopal Church P. O. Box 92, Bridgeville, DE 19933 or Nanticoke Health Services Foundation 121 South Front Street, Seaford, DE 19973.

Please sign Mrs. Cannon's online guestbook at this site.

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CC

Christopher Cannon posted:

Grandma, thank you for everything you have done for me my whole life. Your guidance has molded me into the man that I am today and I will be forever grateful. I'm sorry I could not make it to your service, but I will always love and remember you and your kind heart. Thank you for everything. I am proud to be a Cannon. I love and miss you Grandma.

October 30 at 8:00 PM

ME

Mary Lou Willey Ewell posted:

I send my condolences to the family of Mrs. Cannon - I attended St. Mary's Church until moving in 1966, so talked to her frequently. She will be missed; however, she has left quite a legacy for us to enjoy.aa

October 27 at 8:00 PM

MB

Mike Ballenger posted:

A wonderful friend that I will surely miss.

October 26 at 8:00 PM

RW

Roger And Mary Wick posted:

We were sad to learn of Charlotte's passing but happy we were able to help her celebrate her 90th birthday. Our condolences to Maury and Kate.

October 23 at 8:00 PM

KJ

Karen Johnson posted:

Such an amazing lady! Strong, good, and dedicated to her family, causes, and life! Her accomplishments show her strength and motivation to help others. Sorry for her family's loss and for our community's loss.

October 22 at 8:00 PM

BH

Bill Harrington posted:

May God Bless Mrs. Cannon and use her in heaven as he did here on earth.

October 21 at 8:00 PM



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Blaise Taylor posted:

I will dearly miss sharing Thanksgivings with you at the farm. Rest in peace, Cousin Charlotte.

October 21 at 8:00 PM



Gay And Cecelia Williams posted:

Charlotte Cannon, Her name is enough to put smiles on our faces. Her graciousness. Her wisdom. Her joie de vivre. Her compassion. Her humor. Her leadership. Her humility. Her endearing friendship. Charlotte made a big difference, leaving this world better than she found it. Not for herself...for what she saw needed to be done. We, like many, will miss her. Gay and Cecelia

October 20 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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