



Elizabeth Joseph Lynch " Miss Libby"

January 1, 1926 - May 5, 2021

Elizabeth J. Lynch, age 95, family matriarch and native of Lewes passed away May 5, 2021, in the home her family has lived in since her birth. She was born on New Year's Day, 1926, at Beebe Hospital, daughter of the late Meta (Green) and Preston Joseph.

When she was three, her parents built one of the first cottages on Lewes Beach where she enjoyed an idyllic childhood. As a young adult, Lib spent summers helping children with special needs at the Children's Beach House. Her family would move to the beach for the summer and return to their home, in town, after Labor Day.

Lib graduated from Lewes High School during WWII. She recalls living with blackout shades at her beach cottage. Lib attended Cedar Crest College. While raising her family, she worked at Marjorie Speakman's Children Store in Greenville, DE.

Both of her sons, George and Doug, cherish the times and love she shared with their friends, especially during their middle and high school years. In the most profound sense, Lib was "Mom" to all of them.

She returned to Lewes and worked for Sussex Trust Co. for many years. Thinking that retirement would be a time to relax, Lib was drawn to a part-time opportunity at Zwaanendael Museum. The time to relax would come at the age of 87.

Lib had a living history of Lewes, both robust and nuanced, and was always eager to share her knowledge. She was blessed with total and accurate recall. For many, she would become and remain a valuable source for a Lewes-centered historical perspective.

Her front porch, strategically located at 3rd Streets and Market, was the epicenter for friends and relatives to enjoy a rocking chair chat.

Lib's sister, Mary Louise, had two children, Mary Prentice Ingram Yff and William Schellenger Ingram III. For decades, her niece and nephew would share Sunday phone

calls. These calls would become the foundation for a strong tie that is loving to this day.

In addition to her parents, Lib was predeceased by her husband, George T. Lynch Jr. of Georgetown, DE; her brother, Capt. John P. Joseph (Eleanor); and sister, Mary Louise Ingram (William) all of Lewes, DE. She is survived by her sons: George T. Lynch III (Virginia) of Milton DE, and Douglas J. Lynch (Judith) of Wilmington DE; her grandchildren: Dr. George T. Lynch IV (Mike) of Rehoboth Beach, DE, and Capt. John W. Lynch (Lori) of Garnet Valley PA; her great-grandson, Gavin; her nieces: Joan L. Thomas of Rehoboth Beach, DE, Judy DeAngelis of Rehoboth Beach, DE, Mary "Pren" Yff, (Chris) of Estero, FL, and Norma Jean Fowler (Ned) of Laurel, DE; and her nephews: William S. Ingram III, (Tara) of Virginia Beach, VA, Dr. John C. Lynch (Carol) of Dagsboro, DE.

The family wants to send a warm and grateful thank you to the four caregivers who were at Lib's side during her last three years: Danielle, Kristie, Annie, and Katie provided the highest level of medical home care. In addition, we would like to thank the professional guidance of Compassionate Care Hospice of the Delmar Peninsula. Lastly, a special thank you to all her friends and neighbors who supported her in many ways.

Graveside services will be private. A Celebration of Lib's life will be scheduled at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest contributions in Lib's memory to Beebe Medical Foundation, 902 Savannah Rd, Lewes, DE 19958.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

Comments



“ I am truly devastated that Lib has left us. It was a privilege to have worked with her and to be blessed with her friendship, for she made everyday fun and memorable. From all her wonderful stories of Lewes, to guiding me through rough patches, she was my rainbow on many a rainy day. Her friendliness, warmth, light, love, strength and great humor will be missed. Thanks for being my friend Lib, it was an honor being yours! I feel blessed knowing you!
My deepest sympathies to Lib's family and friends. Know she was much loved and will be greatly missed.
-Love, Beth Gott, Jeb Bakke and family



Elizabeth Gott - May 15, 2021 at 05:59 PM



“ aunt lib, what a wonderful woman. smart witty and funny what a combination. we will miss you. rip

john lynch - May 13, 2021 at 06:17 PM



“ George & Ginnie, and family, Doug & Judy,

Our deepest sympathy intermingled with 50 years of memories for me, a lifetime for Jack of wonderful Aunt Lib memories, so many made with you. Jack and I are so grateful, not for 1 picture, 1 trip or memory, instead, years and years of so many great times together, funny stories, reunions with her and her famous deviled eggs, her wit, her laugh, her love, her gratitude for small things, her holding court on her porch, her 90th Birthday surprise, when she didn't want to be the center of attention, again, her focus on others, her surprise phone calls, Jack's bike visits, the similarities with Ruth, Jack's mother, her sister in law, I could go on and on...

Aunt Lib, one of a kind, an amazing, hard working woman, a wonderful mother and grandmother, our matriarch who loved her family and friends deeply and just wanted to hear what was going on in their lives and spend time with them and get to know them better, will be so missed. What an example of a life well lived! We love you Aunt Lib and we will see you again. In the meantime, we will remember and continue to learn from you. Thank you! IHL, Carol & Jack

Carol Lynch - May 12, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Joseph Lynch " Miss Libby".



May 11, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ Graceful Wreath was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Joseph Lynch " Miss Libby".



May 10, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ Such a lovely lady. Spent many times with her in the bank and on her porch. From former employees of Franklin Hardware, Second St.

Gloria Miller (Bob) - May 09, 2021 at 08:10 PM



“ Libby will be truly missed, she left behind a wonderful family and many friends. She had a wealth of knowledge when it came to the history of Lewes. Libby had a wonderful sense of humor and could always be found on her front porch when the weather was suitable.

Happy Mother's Day Libby,

The Burton family



Chuck Burton - May 09, 2021 at 02:10 PM



“ George, Doug and families,
I was saddened to hear of your Mom's passing. I enjoyed talking with her when she was able to come to Lloyds. She was a real sweet lady and I know will be missed by her family ,neighbors and many friends. Keeping all of you in thought and prayers.

Susan Fisher



Susan Fisher - May 08, 2021 at 01:26 PM