



Eleanor Dian Norris Geary

July 14, 1935 - November 1, 2017

Born on July 14, 1935 in Washington, DC to Champion Hayes Norris and Theodocia Grace Sampson, Eleanor Dian was the youngest of three and the only girl.

She graduated from Dunbar High School in 1953 and attended Rockford College majoring in Social Psychology and graduating in 1957. She met a very handsome Army ROTC student at Dunbar, Nathaniel Geary, who would make her his bride on January 2, 1959. They both worked for the US Government in Massachusetts as they began their life together. Over the years, they lived in Seattle, WA, Detroit, MI and made their way back to their hometown of Washington, DC. They had 3 beautiful children Christopher, Vivian and Stephen. She used to say her children were the best thing she ever did in her life.

Her parents instilled in her a strong work ethic from a young age. During her 48 years of civil service she first worked in International Education Relations; then the Social Security Administration rising to the rank of assistant district manager of the H St. Office in DC; and rounding out her career in the US Dept. of Justice in the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, where she rose to be the Deputy Director of the Office reporting to the Attorney General of the United States, Janet Reno. During her years at the Social Security Administration, she volunteered in a leadership capacity for

the AFGE, American Federation of Government Employees representing almost 3,000 employees serving as President from 1969 - 1972.

She had a lifelong love of music and dance. As a teen, she was a ballerina en pointe. She always had a passion for children's rights and safety. For 15 years, she volunteered her time with The Good Knights campaign, teaching children how to protect themselves from abduction, abuse and other dangers.

She was a member of The Burning Bush Church in Baltimore, MD for many years. In 2007, she came to be a blessing to the congregation at Faith Temple Christian Center in Rockledge, FL.

Eleanor had a brief illness and peacefully fell asleep at 6:00a on November 1, 2017 watching TBN—as was her nightly routine—at Cornerstone Hospice inside of Orlando Regional Medical Center. Eleanor was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers (Champion Hayes Jr., Kenneth (Theresa)), husband, Nathaniel and son, Christopher. Eleanor leaves daughter Vivian of Orlando, FL; son, Stephen (Debra) of Akron OH; daughters-in-law, Patricia, Joy, Kristin; grandchildren, Matthew, Nathaniel, Stephen, Elana, Imani, Mason, Christian, and Katie; great granddaughter, Violet; sisters-in-law, Lois (Chester) Tyler of Milwaukee, WI and Inez (James) Platt of White Plains, MD, Aunt Lucille Dawson of Washington, DC, nieces, Consuela, Eraina and Caren; nephew, Theodore Wallace, Kenneth Jacques; great nieces, Tanarra, LaToya, Monica and Krystan; great nephews, Jared, Kenneth and Kamal; cousins Yvonne Williams, Shellee Haynesworth and Jelani Scott. She is also survived by a host of extended family, neighbors and very dear friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Faith Temple Christian Center in Eleanor's honor. Faith Temple Christian Center 836 Ferndale Avenue, Rockledge, FL 32955.

Tribute Wall

JU

“ Dear Ellie,
So sorry I was not able to attend your services, but I have been travelling. Know that you are always in my heart and when I think of you, I see your beautiful smile and your loving presence. Your love and service for the children we have shared as fellow Angel Knights in service to the ALL. I recall the times we spent at Renfest knighting the children and the school programs to teach them how to stay safe and be aware of dangers and their environment. You have always been a calming and sweet Mother and I am certain your beautiful spirit is at peace. Angel Knight Eleanor Haniel is now the keeper of the Labyrinth of Miracles and the memorial pond of Quan Yin at the Good Knight Castle is in your honor and loving memory. Love you, my dear Ellie....I know we will meet again over the rainbow bridge across forever!
Always,
Lady June



June - January 04, 2018 at 10:04 PM

Monie
Exum

“ My Aunt Ellie was something else back in the day. I still remember her sneaking me and her into movies. We watched 5 movies in one day. She was a daredevil, and her smile and sassy self will be missed.

Monie Exum - November 08, 2017 at 08:40 PM

AU

“ I did not know her but she cultivated and nurtured a beautiful daughter in Vivian. My heart and prayers go out to Vivian and all family and friends who knew this precious woman of God. Hugs and Christ's peace be with you and the family.

Audrey - November 08, 2017 at 11:12 AM

YC

“ Ms. Geary, is how I would address her. I remember her as, smart and she has a very kind heart. She has a great smile. I have many memories from my childhood, with Ms. Geary, Stevie, and Vivian. I am so sorry to hear she is no longer with us. May her star shine as bright in the night sky, as her smile did in life.

Yuko Donna Campana - November 08, 2017 at 08:58 AM

LJ

“ Eleanor, Ellie to us, was one of the most caring and giving people I have ever met. Her heart was always open and she always had a smile to share. Her charitable work will always be remembered by us all. We will miss her and enjoy the memories we made together. Heaven truly got a special angel and she will always be in our hearts. Love and prayers to Vivian and the rest of Ellie's family.

Linda Jagen - November 07, 2017 at 05:41 PM

LE

“ Lady Eleanor and I spent many hours watching our favorite tv shows and laughing our heads off. We also spent many hours together working at the Castle in Beltsville, Maryland. Her loving spirit, intelligence and lightheartedness always made my day brighter. I will carry Eleanor with me in my heart always.

Leah - November 07, 2017 at 04:54 PM

CB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Cynthia (Semi) Pritchett

Cynthia Butler - November 07, 2017 at 03:14 PM

EB

“ *Ms. Eleanor was a very sweet woman. I enjoyed meeting her. She was sweet and kind. Viv - you and your family are in our prayers and I am sending big hugs. Lots of love and deepest sympathy.*

Erin Bowen - November 07, 2017 at 01:32 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eleanor Dian Norris Geary.*



November 07, 2017 at 10:44 AM



“ *Vivian you and your family are in our prayers. Bruce and I loved Ms. Eleanor because she was so precious and sweet to us. Ms. Eleanor fought a good fight of faith and we will always remember her. Rest on Ma Eleanor! Gone but never forgotten. ❤️❤️❤️*

Loretta Ferguson - November 07, 2017 at 10:17 AM