



Wilma Neita Eckman

April 12, 1922 - January 31, 2018

Wilma Neita Howard Eckman, 95, of Mooresville, passed away on Wednesday, January 31, 2018. She was born on April 12, 1922 in Sherrills Ford, NC. Wilma was the eleventh child born to John Franklin and Annie Belle Cornelius Howard of Sherrills Ford, NC. After graduation from Sherrills Ford HS, Wilma worked at Stonestreet Café where she met Charley Eckman, second baseman for the 1939-40-41 Mooresville Moors Baseball Team. They met on Tuesday, married on Friday, Nov 19, 1941 to begin a life in and around Baltimore, MD. Wilma was proud to support Charley in his sporting career as Collegiate and NBA referee, Coach of the FT Wayne Pistons NBA team and first coach of the Detroit Pistons, Baltimore Radio/TV personality for WFBR, WCBM, WJZ and announcer for the Baltimore Bullets, Colts, Orioles, Blast soccer team and Penn National Racetrack. In between raising the family, Wilma was a marvelous gardener, cook, seamstress, a woman who would do anything asked of her and was the glue that held the family together. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Charley (1995); grandson, Paul W. Conner; great grandson, Brett Conner; brothers, Sloan, Russell, Grady, Ray and Harry Howard; Sisters, Jessie Sherrill, Annie Belle Jones, Agnes Clark and Mildred Berg. She is survived by children; Barry Eckman (Helen) of Chocowinity, NC; Linda Watts (Bob) of Mooresville, NC; Anita Gail Eckman of Yadkinville, NC; Janet Eckman of Annapolis, MD; grandchildren, Charles Nevin, Priscilla Eckman Thomas (Mike), Wendy Frost, Tammy Manning, Zorn Sliman, John Sliman and twelve

great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, February 2 at Rehobeth United Methodist Church with Rev. Robert Kerr officiating. Burial will follow the service in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 10:00-11:00 AM at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials donations may be sent to Serenity House of Mooresville, 110 Centre Church Rd, Mooresville, NC 28117; Rehobeth Methodist Church, PO Box 356, Terrell, NC; Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County, 2347 Simonton Rd, Statesville, NC 28625. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Eckman family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Wilma Neita Eckman*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Wilma Neita Eckman*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Wilma Neita Eckman*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *As I was searching for information about the 1939 women's basketball team at Sherrill's Ford, your mother's obituary appeared. Your mother and mine, Rebecca (Becky) Edwards Austin, were classmates and great friends . They stayed in touch until my mother died in 2010. I was so very sorry to read of your mother's death. May God bless all of your family.*

Trudy Cox - March 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Wilma was so sweet and pleasant. She made me laugh too! I relived her life with her many times as we looked over the pictures in her photo album. She happily reminisced about special occasions with family and friends. She touched my life in the two months I knew her at Serenity House. Thank you for sharing her and allowing me to help care for her.*

Jackie Curan - February 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs. Eckman was a kind, sweet woman who left a lasting impression on all who knew here. She was a wonderful baker and gave great cooking advice.5dra7

jan thomas - February 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our sincere sympathy to Linda, Gail and all the family. Your mother was a dear sweet lady. Good memories of your trips to Terrell when we were teenagers, and after you moved to NC and I came back for a visit.

Treva Cornelius Miller - February 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time of loss and grief. Our deepest sympathy. Eleanor and Edward Craig

Eleanor Craig - February 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to Linda and her family on the passing of their mother.

Diane Lyons - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM