



Mrs. Althea Mary (Phillips) Eannace, Esq.

December 23, 1918 - April 22, 2014

Mrs. Althea Mary (Phillips) Eannace, J.D., of Proctor Boulevard, passed away Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at the home she shared with her daughter and son-in-law, Robin and Dr. Richard O'Brien, in Clinton, N.Y.

Althea was born on December 23, 1918, in Tupper Lake, NY, the only child born to the late Vincent and Lillian (Jardine) Phillips. She received her early education in Tupper Lake, studied at St. Lawrence University and graduated with her Baccalaureate Degree in English from Syracuse University in 1940.

She was a member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority. Althea enrolled at the Syracuse University College of Law, serving as President of the Louis Marshall Legal Society and graduating with her Law Degree in 1943.

After serving in the American Red Cross and the USO as part of the war effort, Althea began her practice of law in Utica, NY. It was here that she met and married her beloved husband of 64 years, Dr. Ralph J. Eannace. They were married on June 10, 1946, at St. George's Episcopal Church. Together, they delighted in raising their four children, and in truly enjoying their family life-- sharing their love of travel, music, dancing, adventure, and most of all, each other. Althea had a gift for making new friends and once friends, they quickly became family.

Although always a "Tupper Lake girl" at heart, Althea embraced civic engagement and responsibility in Utica. She oversaw her husband's election campaigns for the Utica School Board, and served as Hostess for the City of Utica in 1963 for a group of young international visitors representing over a

dozen countries. In addition, she sponsored fund raising for the American Field Service and scholarship programs, served on the Board of the House of the Good Shepherd, mentored law students, was a longtime member of the Oneida County Bar Association, and the New Century Club. Recently, Althea was honored as a "Pioneering Woman of the Law," being one of the first women lawyers in Oneida County, with her portrait being placed in the Oneida County Courthouse. In her practice of the law, she advised, counseled, and guided her clients through business, personal and especially family problems with empathy, practicality and legal excellence.

Althea was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and she enthusiastically took part in Clan Donald festivities in honor of her Scottish heritage.

Althea embraced life with joy, courage and a daring sense of adventure. She exuberantly opened the family home to new friends and old, making sure that there was always room at the table. She had a delightfully wicked sense of humor--and her grandchildren were fond of saying that "Honeybun knows a song about everything!" Indeed, although dementia took its toll on her sharp mind in more recent years, she never forgot the prayers, the poems and the songs. Through it all her quiet acts of kindness were legion.

She was predeceased by her husband, Ralph, in May 2011. She leaves, to celebrate her life and gifts, her children, Maryrose Eannace of Utica, Lark and Robert Patterson of Maryland, Robin and Dr. Richard O'Brien of Clinton, and Honorable Ralph Jr. and Laura Eannace of Utica. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Tyson Eannace Lazzaro and his wife Jennifer Newton, Althea Eannace Lazzaro, Christopher Eshleman, Adam and Katie (Stein) Ullman, Andrew Ullman, Caitlin Ullman, Garrett O'Brien, Nicole Moran, Sarah Eannace, and Lillian Eannace. She was predeceased by her dear grandson, Daniel L. Eshleman. Bringing much joy to her later years are great-grandchildren Gavin Ullman, Elias Ullman, Clyde Taylor III, and Jaxson Davis. Also mourning her passing are her dear sisters-in-law Gloria Infusino and Virginia Eannace; several dear nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews

and cousins and many loving friends including the Cianciolo-Taylor families. She was predeceased by her son-in-law, Lewis E. Ullman, Esq.; her in-laws, Carmine V. and Nancy (Pacciarelli) Eannace, Salvatore J. Eannace, Esq., and Vincent R. Infusino, Sr.; and her closest lifelong friends from Tupper Lake, Beatrice Bradley and Beatrice Winslow.

The family wishes to express deep gratitude to caregivers including Susie, Carrie, Renee, and Irina; and to Dr. Michael DeJesus for his extraordinary care during Mom's transitional journey.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 2-5 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. In supporting important people in her life, the family humbly asks that you consider making memorial contributions to the Utica College Daniel L. Eshleman Memorial Speakers Fund, or the MVCC Foundation for Dr. Ralph and Althea Eannace Memorial Scholarship Fund; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Althea's funeral service will commence on Monday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at New Hartford First United Methodist Church, 105 East Genesee Street in New Hartford; with Rev. Stephen Deckard officiating. For a woman who lived a full life, this will truly be a celebration, as well as rejoicing in her reunion with her beloved Ralph.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ To all of the Eannace family, please accept my sincere condolences. Althea was a very friendly person and will be missed by all.

John Scala - April 30, 2014 at 07:03 AM

JL

“ She always had a smile on her face and such a nice lady. Loved to strike up a Conversation.

Judy Lindsay

Judy Lindsay - April 29, 2014 at 09:44 AM

BB

“ So sorry for everyone's loss of Aunt Althea... Always a pleasure to see anywhere, vibrant and witty. A role model for all. My sincerest regards. Billy Burns

Bill Burns - April 29, 2014 at 06:43 AM

CS

“ Sorry for your loss. Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family at this sad time.

Cindy Scott - April 28, 2014 at 10:44 PM

CS

“ So very Sorry to hear of your Loss/ From my Family to yours, many heartfelt memories from when Rose Brown was alive and our Prayers are with you and yours God Bless you all
Christina SanFilippo

Christina SanFilippo - April 28, 2014 at 11:23 AM

BO

“ To the Eannace family, my condolences to all of you on the passing of your mother and matriarch. For the many years I worked at Upstate Furniture, Mrs. Eannace was one of my favorite people. She always had a smile on her face and a caring word or two. Always keep the memories of her smile and it will warm your hearts.
Bob Ollerenshaw

Bob Ollerenshaw - April 28, 2014 at 06:36 AM

TL

“ 3 files added to the album Memories of Althea



Teddy Llovet - April 28, 2014 at 12:46 AM

TL

Dear Ones - Maryrose, Lark, Robin, Ralph and families
I share your sadness and loss of Mom Eannace. Yet I celebrate her in my heart, thoughts and prayers with dear and wonderful memories. Along with her wisdom, humor and playful spirit I can still feel her genuine welcome and see the twinkle in her eyes and her beautiful smile. She was a treasure in my life. My love to you all. Teddy

Teddy Llovet - April 28, 2014 at 01:14 AM

VF

“ Ralph & family-

Deepest sympathy on your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.

Vic Fariello



Victor Fariello - April 27, 2014 at 10:52 PM

JR

“ *My sincere condolences on your loss. She left a great legacy that your family, as well as her professional peers, will no doubt remain proud of.*

Jim Rizzo

Jim Rizzo - April 27, 2014 at 07:02 PM

AP

“ *Alicia Pfluke lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Althea Mary (Phillips) Eannace, Esq.*



Alicia Pfluke - April 27, 2014 at 02:20 PM

AP

My thoughts and prayers to my dear friend Caitlyn and family, I hope your memories allow you some solace and peace at this time of sadness. God Bless you all .

Alicia Pfluke - April 27, 2014 at 02:26 PM

MR

“ *We will celebrate with ice cream and champagne today!
In tribute for Althea - " there was always room at the table" for us
and our girls !
Thank you Althea for all you gave to our life`s.
With love Margrethe & Kurt.*

Margrethe Randorf - April 27, 2014 at 04:55 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Basket Arrangement was purchased for the family of Mrs. Althea Mary (Phillips) Eannace, Esq..*



April 26, 2014 at 04:51 PM



“ *To the family, I worked for "Miss Phillips" while in high school and after until I had my first child. The group, Legal Arts, was a great place for me to start my career in the legal profession. I ended up working for NYSDOC. She was so wonderful to me and how I loved her stories and envied the trips she took with her family. I remember that she gave the children a choice of an inside pool or a trip to Ireland. They choose the pool and went to Ireland also. She was always laughing and had such a kind heart. When I was pregnant, she even had a shower, at her house, for me. I will look back on my experience with her with great fondness. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you in your loss. Joyce Burke*

Beverly Joyce Burke - April 26, 2014 at 09:42 AM



“ *Dear Ralph, Laura and family,
My thoughts and prayers to all. What an accomplished person your mother was! She will be greatly missed by everyone.
Most sincerely,
Anna Giacobbe*

Anna Giacobbe - April 26, 2014 at 09:10 AM

JW

“ John Warren purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Mrs. Althea Mary (Phillips) Eannace, Esq..



John Warren - April 25, 2014 at 02:38 PM

LL

“ Louis W. Pierro and Pierro Law Group, LLC purchased the White (Large) Sympathy Vase Arrangement for the family of Mrs. Althea Mary (Phillips) Eannace, Esq..



Louis W. Pierro and Pierro Law Group, LLC - April 25, 2014 at 10:41 AM



“ Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mrs. Althea Mary (Phillips) Eannace, Esq..



April 25, 2014 at 10:26 AM

BW

“ Ralph and family,

We have lost a very sharp Lady. My Condolences.

Butch Waszkiewicz

Butch Waszkiewicz - April 25, 2014 at 08:25 AM

JB

“ *An entire community mourns with you on the loss of one of the most dynamic and progressive professional woman in our area over several decades. More importantly, she treated people kindly. Always wonderful to me...on behalf of all the "Greek Browns", our deepest sympathies. john brown*

john brown - April 24, 2014 at 08:41 PM