



Mildred L. (Altschu) Darby

May 16, 1921 - December 10, 2023

MARCY – Mildred L. (Altschu) Darby passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 10, 2023, at the remarkable age of 102.

Born in Manhattan on May 16, 1921, Mildred was the daughter of the late Walter and Amelia (Irving) Altschu. As a young girl, along with her family, they moved to Queens where she was raised and attended high school.

On July 1, 1945, Mildred married Kephart Darby, whom she met at a rooftop dance at the “Y” in Manhattan. The couple shared in a loving union of nearly 44 years prior to Kephart's passing on June 12, 1989. At one time, Mildred held a position as a secretary in an attorney's office in Manhattan, a role she held with dedication and professionalism.

Mildred devoted her entire life to her husband and children. As a young wife, she loved a night out with her husband. She relished her visits to Manhattan, especially to the Light Opera, fond of Gilbert and Sullivan. She was a lover of classic movies all her life. A proud American and very civically minded, Mildred always exercised her right to vote. She was also very sociable and a gifted conversationalist. Mildred's passions included cooking and an avid collection of cookbooks, and she always enjoyed a spectacular fireworks event. She especially loved her canine companions, Friskie and Boomer.

Very devout, Mildred was proud when her and her husband became practicing Catholics.

Mildred is survived by her daughters, Victoria Madden and her late husband David Madden, who passed away in February 1999, and Joan Darby. She cherished the memory of her son, Robert Darby, who passed away in 2010. She is additionally survived by her grandchildren, David Andrew Madden, Laura Madden-Morreale and her husband Matthew; Melanie O'Brien and Param Singh, and Michael Hayes; her great-grandchildren Asher, Arjan, and Anand O'Brien. Mildred fondly remembered her sister-in-law, Margaret Darby Hoegger, who preceded her.

The family extends a special thanks to Dr. Phyllis Tompkins, a family friend who provided comfort, care, and support for Mildred.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2023 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South Street, corner of Hammond Ave. Mildred's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence at 5:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will take place in St. John Cemetery, Middle Village, NY at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

St. John Cemetery

80-01 Metropolitan Ave
Middle Village, NY 11379
<https://www.ccbklyn.org/our-cemeteries/st-john-cemetery/>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

DEC **21**. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I have had the absolute honor and pleasure of spending time with Mildred prior to Covid. We had some great conversations and many laughs. My heartfelt condolences to you, Vickie and Joan-who I never had the opportunity to meet. I am sending love, hugs and prayers for you and your families. Mildred will surely be missed! Fly high, sweet angel! There is no worry or pain where you are now ❤️



Michelle Sehn

Michelle Sehn - December 21, 2023 at 01:48 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of spending time with Mildred over the past year couple years. I could sit and listen to her talk for hours about her favorite memories with her family. Every word was spoken with love and adornment. It was truly an honor to get to know her and I consider myself blessed to have had the opportunity to have met her.

Nicole D - December 15, 2023 at 03:57 PM