



Eileen Teall

January 24, 1926 - September 26, 2019

Eileen Elizabeth (Kemp) Teall, 93, passed on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019 at Glenmont Nursing Facility in Hilliard, Ohio. Eileen was a 34-year resident of Perrysburg, Ohio, and an 18-year resident of Columbus, Ohio before moving to Glenmont the last two years of her life. Born Jan. 24, 1926, in Granborough, England, Eileen was the youngest child and only daughter of Arthur Cyril and Kate (Dickins) Kemp.

Eileen's curious nature and lifelong love of learning was a gift from her mother, a former governess. Her sense of adventure came from her father who regaled her in childhood with stories of his own travels, including riding the rails across Canada and the U.S., and working on a large wheat farm in Walla Walla, Washington before returning to England after a three-year absence.

Eileen and her brothers, Chris and Tom, grew up on a farm where they all worked, as she would say, "jolly hard." She was 13 at the start of World War II and later said, "There was no such thing as teenagers back then, as you were expected to be an adult and get on with it."

Get on with it she did. At 16, Eileen graduated from the Royal Latin School, Buckingham and secured a job at Buckinghamshire County Library in Aylesbury. She took as many after-work and correspondence courses as she could, even studying during England's wartime blackout.

In 1947, Eileen graduated from Loughborough College School of Librarianship. Soon after, she went to work on one of the new bookmobiles at Derbyshire County Library in Derby. Two years later, Eileen's boss told her that an American friend of his had a position for an assistant at a newly established county library in southeast Missouri. She applied and was accepted. But there was a problem: The flood of refugees from war-torn Europe meant there were no trans-Atlantic flights available for at least six months. So, Eileen secured passage on the SS Lafayette, an American freighter, and sailed to her new homeland. While on board, she celebrated her 23rd birthday and arrived in New Orleans in February

1949, thus beginning Eileen's most excellent 70-year American adventure.

Eileen worked at the Mississippi County Library in Charleston, Missouri for 14 months. The library had the first bookmobile in southeastern Missouri, which meant she took books to schools, stores, and private homes throughout the countryside. Eileen then spent a little over seven years working for the Cleveland Public Library, taking library, children's literature, and history courses at what was then Western Reserve University.

From 1958 to 1963, Eileen was a children's librarian at Toledo Lucas County Public Library. From 1963 to 1972, she raised her own three children, as well as cared for children of local teachers in her home. To make ends meet, Eileen also sold World Book Encyclopedias. In 1972, she got a job with Way Public Library in Perrysburg, later becoming Coordinator of Children's Services until her retirement in 1994. Wanting to be closer to family, she moved to Columbus in 1999.

Eileen loved to travel and enjoyed numerous Elderhostel programs. She had a love of nature and gardening. She enjoyed walks and picnics in the parks. She enjoyed her flowers, feeding the birds, and watching the squirrels – although she was known to put shortening on the bird feeder pole if those “naughty squirrels” found their way to the feeder. Eileen also took great pleasure in history, international relations, NPR Radio, BBC News, C-SPAN, Book TV and classical music. She enjoyed attending local theatre programs most recently those at Otterbein University. She was an ardent fan of tennis, especially Wimbledon. Her favorite games were Scrabble and Bananagrams – but competitors were hard-pressed to beat Eileen due to her Latin school upbringing. She loved to read and was constantly learning, making use of Alexa and audiobooks up until a week before she passed. Mostly, though, Eileen was interested in people, continually making new friends and always remembering their stories. Of course, her English accent easily charmed those with whom she made acquaintance. It was also the accent that belonged to the lady who read childrens' books on the TV show “All Things New,” which aired in Toledo on Sunday mornings in the early 1980s.

Eileen had been a student of Christian Science for more than 80 years. She was a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Columbus, Ohio for the past 20 years, and previously the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Maumee, Ohio. Naturally, she enjoyed putting her librarian and organizational skills to use in the reading rooms, as well as conversing with patrons.

For nearly 54 years, Eileen was a proud member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Her current affiliation was with Chapter AV Columbus; her previous with Chapter AQ Toledo. Eileen

also was a member of the Griswold Senior Center, Worthington, Ohio, enjoying the great programs and trips the Center offered.

Eileen was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, sister-in-law, niece, and infant daughter, Bonnie Teall. She is survived by her three children, Elizabeth "Liz" (Rick) Hall, Mary Teall, David (Rae) Teall; grandson, Matthew Mancuso; and granddaughter, Amanda Hall, all of central Ohio. In England, she is survived by a sister-in-law, niece, two nephews, two great-nieces and four great-nephews. In both countries, she is survived by so many treasured friends.

In keeping with her stubborn wishes, there will be no public memorial service; instead, her immediate family will remember her with a private service. Contributions may be made in Eileen's memory to Way Public Library Foundation & Friends, 101 East Indiana Avenue, Perrysburg, OH 43551 or at foundation.waylibray.info. Contributions may also be made to Glenmont Christian Science Nursing Facility, 4599 Avery Road, Hilliard, OH 43026. Arrangements entrusted to Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Homes & Crematories, Worthington, OH. Remembrances can be shared at <https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com>.

Comments



“ Eileen was such a bright light in our church community!!! She was an inspiration to many. Shine on Eileen!

Terry Herzog - October 09, 2019 at 07:00 PM



“ Mrs. Teal was my childhood librarian. I always loved visiting the Way Public Library because of her. She inspired me and thousands of other Northwest Ohioans to love stories. Whenever I saw her, she would load me up with a big stack of books she knew I would like. When I think of the hero's of my childhood, I will always think of her. What an Amazing and Wonderful woman!! She has changed many many lives for the better. When I see her in Heaven, I know she'll have a bunch of books to recommend for me.

Annie Corcoran - October 07, 2019 at 04:24 PM



“ We had many fun times with Eileen - she was a very special friend. We enjoyed our first Thanksgiving with her when we moved to the U.S. in 1995. Visits always included bananagrams and a lot of wonderful discussions. Her interest in others and in other countries (especially the politics in the UK!) made her such an inspiring person to be with. Thank you Eileen for so many memories we will cherish. John & Grace

Grace Perkin - October 03, 2019 at 11:11 AM



“ Jim Davis lit a candle in memory of Eileen Teall



Jim Davis - October 02, 2019 at 07:26 PM



“ My best friends mom. Mrs. Teall was a star in our community and her tireless cheer will always bring light to all of our lives. No Eileen, I will not eat your sardine sandwiches, but I'll come for PB&J and koolaid whenever you ring the bell.

Jimmy Davis, Perrysburg



“ So sorry to hear of Eileen's passing. She was a member of my Christian Science Association for many years, and was our secretary/treasurer for several years, also. I did not know about Eileen's earlier years -what spunk she expressed to come to the United States by herself at a young age!

She was indeed, a lovely lady!

Carole Ann Conyers

Carole Ann Conyers - October 02, 2019 at 03:55 PM



“ Eileen was a wonderful PEO sister whose sharp intellect kept the rest of us on our toes! I also enjoyed exchanging book titles with her, she had a never-ending appetite for great books. My condolences to the family, Carol Meyer, AV

Carol Meyer - October 01, 2019 at 08:44 PM



“ Doug Brown lit a candle in memory of Eileen Teall



Doug Brown - October 01, 2019 at 04:12 PM



“ I remember the Sundays at First Congregational Church, Toledo when you all would come in the back. If I was ushering, she say "Lovely to see you today,Douglas". She was a true lady in every sense of the word. My love and prayers go out to all of you.

Doug Brown - October 01, 2019 at 04:11 PM



“ Eileen was one of the most dedicated Christians I have ever known. Every encounter with her was uplifting. I did not realize the extent of her career as a librarian, but I know she was so well read and one could have fascinating conversations about so many topics. Her loving nature came out in so many ways and I will miss her a great deal. She inspired me often as I'm sure she did all her friends. Barb Robinson

Barbara Robinson - October 01, 2019 at 01:32 PM



“ I was a page at the library and would always help with story time. I remember one time a couple of the pages, Derek and Bart, kidnapped the marionette and left ransom notes. She was a good sport about it.

Julia Pile - October 01, 2019 at 10:17 AM



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Teall - September 30, 2019 at 10:26 PM



“ My love of reading was deeply fostered by your mom. Always with a bright smile and an occasional sideways glance at the books I would get. She often spoke with my parents about allowing me to read anything from the adult section. She and Mrs. Gallo scolding me about wanting to read War and Peace at age 7. I read it. I didn't like it but I read it. Lol. She was one of those beacons of light at the library. Our world is a little bit darker without her.

Becca Inledon - September 30, 2019 at 08:08 PM



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