



Elaine Bricker

June 25, 1926 - April 18, 2024

Elaine Bricker, born on June 25, 1926, made her way quietly to the other side on April 18, 2024. She was born and raised in Turtle Creek, PA and moved to the Buckeye State in 1949, first to Cleveland, where she met and married John A. Bricker, and then with the beginnings of her family, to Columbus where she and John raised daughters, Kathleen, Janis, Meribeth and son Jack. In 97 years she was a wife and partner for 58 years, a mother (for 75 years) a grandmother (for 49 years) and a great grandmother (for 9 years).

She witnessed the coming of people flying in planes and walking on the moon. She witnessed the world at war, soldiers coming home from war, the fall of the iron curtain, the arrival of TV and the internet, as well as two years of solitary confinement during the pandemic. All that with a gracious acceptance of change and a determination to stay relevant in the lives of those around her.

She had a wry smile, a dry sense of humor, a beautiful voice and a love of song, all of which she consistently shared with those close to her. She hated to be a bother to people, and though minimally sighted, insisted on taking care of her own needs with limited assistance right up to her last days.

She was preceded in death by parents, Peter and Bertha Graf, her husband John Bricker and her grand daughter Elena Stailey. She is survived by her daughter, Kathleen Stith (Fred); daughter Janis Stailey (Jay), daughter

Meribeth Jones (Jack); and son John Andrew (Jack) Bricker Jr, (Lori). She is also survived by grandchildren Beth Stith Eshelman (Andrew) and Timothy Stith (Laura), Kellen Stailey Martin (David), Adam Jones (Lindsey), Kyle Jones, Jaclyn Bricker (Ryan) and Teresa Bricker. Elaine is also survived by five great grandchildren, Declan and Owen Jones, Autumn Stith, and Wes and Riis Martin. Elaine visited with that whole bunch of admirers in her last weeks.

As per her wishes, a service for the immediate family will be held at Rutherford Corbin Funeral home followed by internment next to her husband, John, at Union Cemetery.

Thanks to Wesley Glen sixth floor assisted living staff and Wesley Glen hospice. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Wesley Glen Charitable Care.