



Anne C. Forbes

February 16, 1917 - July 26, 2014

Anne Catherine Eckenrode Forbes, beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, and wife passed away peacefully on July 26, 2014 at the age of 97. She was born February 16, 1917 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, one of six children of Edward R. Eckenrode and Eleanore Sarah Eckenrode, graduated from Catholic (now McDevitt) High School and attended Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia. Anne married the late Robert Charles Forbes in 1942 and started her life as an Army wife, which she regarded as her career. She lived in cities and Army posts in the United States and Europe, including Germany, England, Turkey, Kansas, New Jersey, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Her love of travel continued after Robert's retirement as they visited more than 20 countries on cruises in Asia, Europe, the Caribbean, and Latin America and as distant as Antarctica. Most recently she resided in Kettering, Ohio and with her husband after their retirement from the Army in Catonsville, Maryland and Atlanta, Georgia. Anne is survived by four children: John (Evelyn) of Manila, Philippines, Robert (Patti) of Dayton, Ohio, Betsy (Steve Carter) of Gig Harbor, Washington, and Mike (Susie) Forbes of Durham, North Carolina. She is also survived by eleven grandchildren: Cindy, Danny, Michelle, Christian, Lisa, Brian, Doug, Clayton, James, Katie, and Adam; twelve great grandchildren: Brittany, Ashleigh Rowles, Nicholas, Ashleigh Johnson, Loukas, Cameron, Cale, Addison, Lily, Carter, Payton and Caroline; many nieces and nephews; and one sister, Dottie Schmitz of Seattle, Washington. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the USO, Box 96860, Washington, DC, 20077 or Support our Aging Religious, 3025 4th St NE, Suite 14, Washington, DC, 20017. Memorial service and burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery on a date to be determined.

Cemetery

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA, 22211

Comments



“ Dear John, Robert, Betsy, & Mike,

Both Lori and I wish to add to the recollection list of your dear Mother. Several times, while Lori and I were still on active duty at Ft Dix, your mom and your dad proved to be incredibly good friends. We still owe the keeping of our scheduled wedding date to the efforts of your Dad and back up of your mom. We were to learn of this some years after the fact, but none-the-less, it was quite a gift. When our 2nd daughter was but 2, she accompanied me to Arlington for John's wedding and a chance to greet your Mom and Dad. Yes we visited them at their apartment in Alexandria when all three of our kids were small. Your Mom made us to feel at home like only she could do. The last time I was with both of them was in Atlanta when I interrupted a conference to go see them at their home there. Each year since your Dad passed away, your Mom has sent us a note and a card. We'll miss that greeting this year. Anne Forbes was a wonderful woman and a good friend to us for many years. We're thankful for her.

We hope and pray that her memory and legacy will live on and on. Thanks for keeping us posted.

Lori and Steve Robey

Stephen J. Robey - September 22, 2014 at 09:29 AM