



Mrs. Eileen C. Nieuwboer

March 30, 1919 - May 29, 2016

Mrs. Eileen C. Nieuwboer passed away May 29, 2016 at the Wells House in Johnstown with her family by her side. Eileen was born March 30, 1919 to the late Joseph Champagne and Mary Healey. She was a 1936 graduate of Gloversville High School and remained active in planning high school reunions for many decades. She married Albert A. Botch Sr. in 1946 and they owned and operated a small grocery store in the Black Rock section of Bridgeport for nearly 10 years. Albert passed in 1965 and she later married Carl W. Nieuwboer who passed in 2006. She went to work for the Southern New England Telephone Company in the late 1950s and retired in 1981 as Group Chief Operator. She was anxious to return to her “true” home and her family and she and Carl returned to Fulton County in 1983. She was a devoted Roman Catholic, a member of Holy Trinity Church in Johnstown and volunteered for many years at the Kateri Shrine, in Fonda. She was a wonderful cook and baker and enjoyed treating friends and family to her homemade goodies at holiday times.

Eileen was very involved with animal rights and welfare organizations, as well as Native American Schools and generously donated her time and resources to whichever group needed her help. She served on the local Board of Elections and enjoyed many years in the company of good friends in the Coterie Club of Johnstown. Eileen was also a very talented artist whose work was exhibited locally several times in her later years, an extremely gifted organist, and an avid gardener who spent many happy hours among her beautiful plants and flowers. She had many much-loved dogs throughout the years and spent her last few years in the company of a beautiful cat named Bidly.

She leaves behind her daughter, Margaret Gowans, of Gloversville and her grandchildren Ann Marie Hemstreet and Michael Gowans, and her great-grandson Andrew J. Hemstreet, all of Johnstown. She is also survived by two sisters, Mary Bottisti of Tribes Hill and Jean DesJardins (Leo) of Johnstown, her cousin Francis Healey (Virginia), many cherished nieces, nephews, and step- grandchildren. In addition to her husbands, she was also predeceased by two sisters, Margaret Rupert and Vivian McClary and three brothers, Francis, William, and Malcolm Champagne. She also lost 2 beloved stepchildren, Barbara

Thrall and Albert Botch Jr. Relatives and friends are invited to attend calling hours on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the Chapel of Ehle and Barnett Family Funeral Home, LLC, 15 North William Street, Johnstown, NY 12095. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church in Fairfield, CT followed by interment in Mountain Grove Cemetery in Bridgeport, CT.

Special, heartfelt thanks to Missy Horning, R.N. and her amazing staff at the Wells House. They were talented and compassionate caregivers and their kindness and competence is deeply appreciated Memorial contributions may be made in Eileen's memory to the James A. Brennan Memorial Humane Society, 437 Nine Mile Tree Road, Gloversville, NY 12078 . Condolences to the family can be made online at www.ehleandbarnett.com.

Cemetery

Mountain Grove Cemetery

215 Dewey Street

Bridgeport, CT, 06605

Events

MAY **Visitation** 04:00AM - 07:00AM

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Ehle and Barnett Family Funeral Home, LLC
15 N William St, Johnstown, NY, US, 12095

JUN **Service**

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Mountain Grove Cemetery
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Comments



“ Dear family,
I am heart broken to learn of "Aunt" Eileen's passing. She was a most kind and beautiful lady, whom I shall always think of with fondness. I consider myself blessed to have known her. I am confident that my mother is greeting her with open arms, as she was very fond of her as well. May your knowledge that she lived a long and full life, your fond memories of the time you shared and the condolences of family and friends help you to find comfort and peace. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely,
Paula Rowley Falacco

Paula Falacco - May 31, 2016 at 10:37 PM



“ Dianna Periard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eileen C. Nieuwboer



Dianna Periard - May 31, 2016 at 12:13 PM



“ Peg & Family,

So sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dianna Periard

Dianna Periard - May 31, 2016 at 12:12 PM



“ I remember when we were younger and all the fun we had on the holidays and O my goodness those cookies and treats were always so amazing.... I loved sneaking a couple home to eat on Christmas night in bed...shh! Ha. Mike, Ann Maie and I going for long walks on trails together when we younger as well. She was always a sweet woman with a huge heart. I know over time we all fell apart communication wise here ans therw bit everytime we spoke or bumped into eachother it always felt like it was something we did all the time. It never felt like we ever went a time not speaking to eachother... Thanks for the memories.



Jeremy Spagnuola - May 31, 2016 at 11:54 AM



“ Peg, Ann Marie, Andrew, Michael and Family ~ We are so very sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother. Times like these are never easy, so hold on to all of the wonderful memories you shared together and keep her in your heart always. Our thoughts and prayers are, and will be, with you and your family ~ God Bless you all ~

Rob and Randy Benedict
Elkton, MD

Robin Benedict - May 31, 2016 at 08:09 AM



“ Bonnie Marino lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eileen C. Nieuwboer



bonnie marino - May 31, 2016 at 07:40 AM



“ prayers to Peg,Ann Marie and Mike..She lived a full life..

bonnie marino - May 31, 2016 at 07:42 AM