



Evelyn R. Leiter

August 6, 2024

Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at age 97. Predeceased by her husband, Robert; grandson, Michael; and daughter-in-law, Sally Leiter. Survived by her children, Robert (Judy), Gary (Nancy) and Suanne (Steve) Searley; grandchildren, Jesse (Kristie), Sean (Callie), Eric (Katia), Stephanie (Kory) and Rob (Sara); 6 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Family and friends are invited to Romig's Tavern, 18 Bennington Dr. Rochester, NY 14616 on Saturday, August 10th from 12:30-2:30pm for a celebration of Evelyn's life.

Previous Events

Celebration

AUG **10**. 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Romig's Tavern
18 Bennington Dr.
Rochester, NY 14616

Tribute Wall

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“ A writing from her oldest son Robert:

Evelyn Rose Leiter passed peacefully away on August 6, 2024. She lived over 97 years; well beyond anyone's expectations. She had a full and abundant life

While not a smoker nor drinker nor an exerciser, she had an unusual eating style that included chocolate chip cookie dough which she enjoyed to the end of her life! Seldom did you see her at the kitchen table when our family ate as she was just not a programmed consumer of food. This worked for her ... and very well! Candy was always to her liking. She ate but in not a standard way.

If Mom was running her funeral, I think the library, any library, would be the place she would want to celebrate her life. That was home to her. She loved volunteering there, loved the books and stories that sent her to far away places and stimulated her mind. She enjoyed the task of keeping the space organized with all the books on the right shelf. She wrote summaries so others could get an insight into the latest publications. A benefit – she would get the new books first!

Mom travelled all over the world. She loved to tell stories and reminisce. She shared these memories to the end of her life. While she went all over the world, some of her last travels were poignant trips to Alaska where Dad had served in WWII and helped build the Alaskan Highway before going to Europe after D-Day. She enjoyed going with her friend, Norma, and meeting Dad's compatriots and seeing the sites where Dad worked. I think she said she was in 100 countries in her life. She also spent at least a week in every state.

Mom had a number of trials in her life. A cancer diagnosis that resulted in a scarred neck early in her life. She had a sister who died from illness and her Mom died when she was in her early 20's.

Of course, Dad's death in his 50's was devastating; and, sadly her teenage grandson was lost way too early. However, Mom persevered and had caring friends. You never quite knew how she got through all of this. Of course, when you live to 97, you go through more and more of this sadness of losing special people.

Mom would often talk about this at the assisted living center. If I started naming names, I feel, for certain that someone might not be mentioned who was vital to Mom, so I won't.

Some more unique things about Mom – she was a Civil Air Patrol pilot in WWII. Being underage, and, in order to qualify, she got some help changing her birth certificate. She was a very determined person. Mom experienced the loss of a fellow pilot who died solo in an air crash. Did Mom quit or acknowledge fear?

Nope, she kept going.

She was a den mother and both Mom and Dad did tremendous volunteer work for the Scouts. They formed strong volunteer teams and Dad's bar might have helped sustain some of these groups.

She was an avid collector of Prince Valiant cartoons and cut episodes out of the newspaper for years. A favorite pastime was playing bridge. She loved royalty, Queen Elizabeth and all that stuff. She helped Dad with his engineering work when Dad went to college after WWII. She was unique for sure!

Mom loved her family and her life was large; she wanted to see all she could and read all there was before she left this world. Our family wishes to thank you for reading this and hope it helps you to fully appreciate this wonderful woman.

stephanie - August 07, 2024 at 08:01 PM

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Loved your mom so very much Bobby. I am deeply sorry for your loss and my heart breaks.

Lauren Lombard - August 08, 2024 at 01:56 PM

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Remembering "Aunt Evie" with fond memories of the years I was privileged to be a part of the family. She had a special charm about her that never dulled. Rest in peace dear lady! My sincere condolences to the family.

Anne Murphy - August 08, 2024 at 04:33 PM