



Eileen Agnes Sheldon

May 24, 1924 - July 17, 2021

Eileen Agnes Sheldon passed away peacefully at her home at the age of 97 on July 17, 2021. She was born in Manhattan on May 24, 1924 to John and Catherine Beebe. Eileen grew up in St. Albans, Queens and moved to Northampton on Eastern Long Island with her husband Leonard Sheldon, a noted Architect, to raise six children in the country.

Eileen led a full life beginning as an Airline Hostess for Trans World Airlines and crowned Miss TWA 1948. She was an active member of the Long Island Early Fliers Club. Eileen had a lifelong love of the Theater beginning in High School and later in Summer Stock Theater in Gloucester, MA and Algonquin, ME. She performed in over two dozen theatrical and musical productions with the North Fork Community Theater in Mattituck, L.I. and throughout the East End.

She was an avid golfer, once scoring a “Hole in One” at Misty Creek Country Club, Sarasota. Eileen felt a special connection to Sarasota through the memorial statue of the sailor and the nurse: “Unconditional Surrender.” Eileen was in Times Square the day the Second World War ended. She can be seen over the right shoulder of the sailor in the iconic Eisenstaedt photo that captured the kiss and celebration of that moment.

Eileen retired to Florida in 2001 after 31 years working as the Executive Assistant to the Manager of Gabreski Airport in Westhampton L.I. In recognition to her years of public service Suffolk County dedicated a road on the Airport in her name: Sheldon Way.

She is predeceased by her husband Leonard Sheldon, her brother John Beebe, sister Eleanor O’Brien and son in law Dan Conway. She is survived by her six children; Robert of Sarasota, FL, Gregory and daughter-in-law Leslie of Groton, MA, Kathleen Stallmer and son-in-law Dan of Albany, NY, Christopher of Northampton, NY, Constance Conway of Northampton, NY, and Gary of Westhampton, NY. In addition, she is survived by her five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Eileen will be remembered for her Irish wit, her wonderful singing voice, and the love for

her large and extended family. May she find God's grace and peace in His loving embrace and may shamrocks bloom on the hillsides of Heaven, forever and always.

A Funeral Mass will be held July 31, at 10 AM at St. John the Evangelist R.C. Church in Riverhead, NY. Eileen will be interred in the Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton L.I. N.Y.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation in Eileen's name to Visiting Angels, www.visitingangels.com, or the Tidewell Hospice Foundation, www.Tidewell.org.

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