



Millicent Jean(Penny) Easley

September 2, 1923 - January 15, 2016

Millicent Jean (Penny) Easley, 92, of Huntsville, Texas passed from this world on January 15, 2016 for a far greater place in heaven. She was born on September 2, 1923 in Newark, New Jersey to Arthur McKinley Sonnekalb and Elizabeth Maddams Sonnekalb.

Penny's entire childhood was spent in New Jersey. She attended Maplewood High School, where she was a debate champion, which led to her enrolling in Wilson College in Chambersburg, PA. She graduated in 1945 with a degree in Psychology. Following graduation, IBM hired her as a systems engineer. Over a few brief years and in several local offices, she built a strong reputation for successfully installing first-time users of computers. Later she decided to retire from the business to be a full time stay at home mother.

Penny thoroughly enjoyed days as wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She enjoyed baking brownies for family and friends. She taught special education in Biloxi, MS, served as part-time secretary at Elkins Lake Baptist Church, moderator for the Presbyterian Connection (college program), and volunteered for almost 20 years with Huntsville Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Penny is survived by her beloved husband Grady Easley; son Stephen Hemperly and wife Elaine; son Robert Hemperly; daughter Deborah Caffey and husband Edward; daughter Cynthia Lillard and husband Bill; son David Hemperly and wife Julie; son Steve Easley and wife Shelly; son Russell Easley; and son Greg Bryant and husband James; grandchildren Morgan,

Cameron, Christie (Jeff), Diane, Courtney(Seth), Allison(Taylor), Jenny, Rachel, Hannah, Andrew, Davis, Stephen, and Stephany; great-grandchildren Justin, Luke, Jack, Bennett, Grayson, Caroline, and Jackson. She is preceded in death by her parents Arthur and Elizabeth Sonnekalb; first husband Major Robert Hemperly, DDS; and grandson Bobby Lillard.

Memorial donations may be made in honor of Penny to Texas Children's Hospital in Houston or The Heifer Project.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville in Huntsville, Texas. A reception will follow the service at the church.

Mrs. Easley will be interred at a later date at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

Fisrt Presbyterian Church of Huntsville
1801 19th Street
Huntsville, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Millicent Jean(Penny) Easley*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts are with you.
Rich and Connie Heiland*

Rich Heiland - January 22, 2016 at 07:29 AM



“ *My Dear Grady:
I am so sorry about the loss of your sweet Penny. I know how much
you love her. Loved the stories you shared and I just want you to
know you are in my thought and prayer. I love you.*

Shana Cross

Shana - January 20, 2016 at 05:44 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family
of Millicent Jean(Penny) Easley.*



January 16, 2016 at 06:11 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



joanne Easley - January 16, 2016 at 09:29 AM

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Penny & Joanne in Branson

joanne Easley - January 16, 2016 at 09:38 AM

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“ *Grady, dear brother-in-law, I send my love to you and Penny. Ed, Penny, you and I had such fun in Park City, Branson, Huntsville and Fredericksburg. Those beautiful memories will linger in my heart forever. Rest assured, Ed and Penny will plan another glorious get together in heaven. Your having Penny away and my having Ed away is hard, but they are happy and at peace, in a better home, and still with us in spirit. _\~/*
Joanne Easley

Joanne Easley - January 16, 2016 at 09:01 AM

MW

“ Grady:

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your wife. I remember when you two moved to Huntsville. I was working at Huntsville Savings later known as Fidelity Savings. She and I used to laugh about our names being one letter off from each other. (She spelled hers Millicent while mine is spelled Mellicent). You two were always so nice and friendly and seemed like such a happy couple. I know you will miss her. My husband passed away five years ago. God and time will help you through this hard journey. May God bless you and your family. I am praying for you.



Mellicent Sikes Wiley - January 15, 2016 at 10:47 PM