



Eleanor Ruth McKinney

July 23, 1917 - March 10, 2013

Eleanor Ruth McKinney, 95, died Sunday, March 10, 2013 at Wynwood Commons, Manlius, New York. Ruth taught third grade in Sidney, New York and retired from Oneonta State College as a Supervisor of Student Teachers. She and her husband, John, loved to travel, both near and far, enjoyed many Elderhostel trips, and traveled around the United States several times. After retirement, they moved to Waikoloa, Hawaii where they were instrumental in establishing the Village Association in Waikoloa. They also worked closely with the Waikoloa Elementary School. Ruth volunteered with Literacy Volunteers in Hawaii. Ruth enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ruth is survived by her daughter, Merikay (John) Harper of LaFayette, New York (Deb and Dennis); two sisters, Baja and Jan; son-in-law, Allan (Pat) Shannon (father of Tim, Kelly and Katie); and 12 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, John W. McKinney; her daughter, Kerry Jean Shannon; and two brothers, Marshall and Earl. The family would like to thank the staff and management at Wynwood Commons for their excellent loving care they provided for Ruth. Calling hours will be Saturday, March 16, 2013, 4 to 7 PM at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 2584 Field Lane, LaFayette, NY 13084 with a memorial service to immediately follow at the funeral home at 7 PM. Contributions may be made to the John McKinney Reading Garden, Waikoloa Elementary School, Waikoloa, Hawaii, c/o Merikay Harper, 5973 Sturgen Dr., LaFayette, NY 13084. Reception to follow at the LaFayette Fire Department, Route 11, LaFayette.

Tribute Wall



“ Merikay, Sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was my 3rd grade teacher and I believe my mother was the "homeroom mother" who enjoyed your mom. I remember feeling she was my favorite and to be viewed as such by the likes of Art Weed and me would put her in the saint category. I was pleased to read of all the productive activities she pursued in her later years. A great lady indeed! Dave O'Neil

March 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Marikay, I was very sorry to learn of the death of your mother. She is a lady that I have not seen for many years but I always remembered her as my favorite teacher. She was a great person that touched many lives in a very positive fashion. I worked with your father for a time when I was in Bendix and respected him as well. Good luck to you and your family, our prayers are with you. Art Weed, Stuart, FI

March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Marikay & John, Deb & Dennis,

We were so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.

Denise & John Felicia

March 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Marykay and family, Please accept our thanks for notifying us of your Mother's death. She was a "class act" and was such a support for Bill while he was in Hawaii and after he came back to the mainland. He considered her his "Hawaiian Mom" and loved her deeply. I didn't know her as well, but her openness to both of us was a rare gift. We shall miss Ruth. jan & bill

March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Marikay,

Please accept my sincere sympathy on the death of your Mom. I truly understand what you are going through, my Mom died a year ago on the 7th!!!

If your not sure who I am - we both worked for the New York Synod's at the same time and talked often when I needed information. I thank God everyday for those conversations.

Again, my prayers,

Jo Ann

March 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Merikay,
So sorry to hear of your mother's death. Please know that you're in my prayers for comfort and consolation. I didn't know your mother, but it's been a joy and privilege to know her daughter. God bless and keep you!*

March 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Merikay,
I was so sorry to hear of your loss. No matter how old we are, mothers are so important in our lives. May your memories bring you smiles and may the Lord grant you peace and comfort.
Sincerely,
Bonnie Grzenda*

March 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Merikay and family--
I am so sorry to hear about your Mother's death---the loss of a parent is always difficult and poignant. I thank you for your many kindnesses to me over the years and I pray for you and your family the comfort and support you are needing now. Please know of my blessings and prayers.....(Pastor) Hans Irmer*

March 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM