



Elinor FitzGerald

December 11, 1911 - February 15, 2009

Elinor FitzGerald, 97, of Elmwood, New York, beloved aunt, great-aunt, teacher, and friend, died Sunday, February 15, 2009 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, New York.

Born in 1911, Miss FitzGerald graduated from Syracuse University with a Bachelors Degree in Library Science and Middlebury College with a Masters Degree in English. She was a Teacher in the Syracuse City School District where she taught at Smith Tech. and Central Tech. She was a Camp Fire Girls Leader and a communicant of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Elinor is survived by a niece, Ellen Zahl of Storrs, Connecticut; a nephew, John Sullivan of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts; and two grand-nieces, Alison Stratton and her husband Christopher Evans of New Haven, Connecticut; and Sarah Stratton-Huber and her husband Edward Huber, of Storrs, Connecticut. She was predeceased by her parents, John Michael and Mary Alice (Foley) FitzGerald, and her sisters, Dorothea FitzGerald, Alice (FitzGerald) Sullivan, and her brother Jack FitzGerald.

Elinor was a woman of great wit and intelligence, a dear friend to many, and a lover of all animals. She also loved the outdoors. In 1942 at the end of her three summers at Middlebury's Breadloaf program, she and a friend hiked for several days along Vermont's Long Trail. Through rain, thunder, wind, slippery

rocks, and carrying a heavy pack of canned goods, on the fifth day, she was ready for the comforts of an inn, but also treasured the adventure. She will be deeply missed.

Services: Thursday, February 19, 2009, 9:00 a.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Valley Drive, Syracuse, New York where a Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated.

Burial: St. Agnes Cemetery, 2315 South Avenue, Syracuse, New York.

There will be no calling hours.

Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc.
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Syracuse, New York 13205

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“ Please accept my deepest sympathy over the loss of your aunt. She lived across the street from my grandmother for many, many years. I can remember the wonderful friendship they shared. As a child, I remember coming to visit my grandmother every Sunday. (We lived in the country about an hour away.) We would always take Elinor and her sister, Dorothy, fresh vegetables from our garden. Elinor always greeted us with a smile on her face. We were always invited to come in for a visit. Our favorite places to sit were the pink chairs in the livingroom. When I decided to become a teacher, she was my biggest cheerleader! I will never forget her. She was a true inspiration!

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“ Miss Fitzgerald was a life long friend of my Aunt Angel Santello who was a fellow campfire girl. By the time I was in High School at Central Tech Miss Fitzgerald was no longer teaching but was the school librarian. She had a great wit and was always willing to help any student who came to the library. She was a true teacher and leader in every sense.

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“ I am a recently retired teacher who got Elinor's name from the Retired Teacher's Assoc. I have been corresponding with her since September. Her notes and phone call around Christmas gave me great joy. She seemed to be so alert and such an interesting person. I was looking forward to meeting her some day and am greatly saddened that I did not get an opportunity to do so before she passed away. My thoughts and prayers are with those of you that knew her and are related to her. God Bless. Pat

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“ I enjoyed visiting Elinor and bringing her treats. We'd have great times discussing politics and our Irish heritage. I'm really going to miss her.

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“ I have known Elinor since I was a small child. She was a dear friend of my mom and her sisters, ""the Wheaton girls"" who all grew up together in the same area beside St. Agnes Cemetary. Such great friends they were and the stories they told!

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