



Hedwig Blandfort Katzen

May 30, 1924 - November 30, 2016

Hedwig “Hedi” Blandfort Katzen, 92, of Gainesville, VA died peacefully at her home on Wednesday, November 30, 2016. Born May 30, 1924 in Trier, Germany, she was the daughter of Johann and Maria Kuhn Blandfort. Hedi was one of eight children-four sisters and three brothers-and was the last surviving sibling. Hedi lived through the Second World War and her family was forced to relocate during the war years.

On August 30, 1956, Hedi married Jerry S. Katzen in Trier. Hedi met her future husband while he had been stationed there with the U.S. Army Air Corps. Hedi emigrated to the U.S. in 1957, and lived at Jerry’s duty posts and career assignments in Maryland, Massachusetts, Oklahoma, and for many years in Sterling Park and Gainesville, Virginia.

Hedi is survived by her two children, Jeanette J. Smith (Greg) of Gainesville and Mark A. Katzen (Suzanne) of Columbia, MD; four grandchildren Kelly, Joshua, Monica and Elana and various nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Jerry, who died December 17, 2002, as well as many spoiled family dogs.

One of Hedi’s proudest moments was achieving her U.S. citizenship in 1999. She dutifully cast her ballot at elections ever since. Hedi was able to vote in the most recent presidential election during early voting, and reveled in the

special attention given her as a 92 year old voter by the Prince William County elections officials.

Hedi enjoyed crocheting, flower gardening, cooking and baking, knitting, painting and crossword puzzles. Her grandchildren would light her eyes. She remained fiercely independent until her passing.

Funeral services will be held at Pierce Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 2:00 PM with the family receiving friends from noon until service time. The interment will be private at Quantico National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made to the Humane Society.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

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“ JJ and family. Although I never knew your Mom/Grandmother I'm sure she was a special person and I hope your memories of her will help you through these difficult times. May Hedwig Rest in Eternal Peace.

Wayne Stewart - December 04, 2016 at 07:47 AM

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“ PWCDFR Recruit Training Staff purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Hedwig Blandfort Katzen.



PWCDFR Recruit Training Staff - December 02, 2016 at 09:42 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hedwig Blandfort Katzen.



December 01, 2016 at 11:16 AM