



Mary Lynch McElroy

September 29, 1935 - June 19, 2018

Mary Lynch (Booz) McElroy, of Potomac Falls and Chincoteague Island, Virginia, died peacefully on June 19th after a period of failing health. She was 82.

Mary was born and raised in Philadelphia, where she lived until her marriage to Joseph H. McElroy Jr. in 1958. Her husband's career in the Air Force took them all across the U.S. as their family grew with the addition of six children born between 1959 and 1969. As a full-time homemaker, Mary was active in the church and both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and was a perennial team mom, score keeper, and snack-booth-worker during her five sons' Little League years. She also managed to earn an associate's degree in travel and tourism.

In later years, children grown, Mary indulged in her passion for travel. She joined the CIA as an administrative assistant and later editor, and lived abroad in Austria and Bahrain during separate tours of duty. Privately, she also traveled to China, Alaska, and her ancestral home -- Ireland.

Mary's other passion was the beach, and in the early 1990s she made a long-held dream a reality with the purchase of a home on Chincoteague Island. For many years this home served as her weekend retreat and a popular family getaway, and she moved there full-time in 2012. With the help of family and a

devoted team of caregivers, she was able to remain in her home there until shortly before her death.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Kyle McElroy Dallaire, by sons Michael J. McElroy Sr., Patric M. McElroy, Brian J. McElroy, and Timothy S. McElroy, their spouses, and 15 grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son Kevin C. McElroy.

A celebration of life will be held in Chincoteague later this summer, and her remains will be interred in her family plot in Philadelphia.