



## Eleanor Regina Gregory

August 1, 1933 - May 4, 2026

It is with heavy hearts and profound appreciation for a life well-lived that we announce the passing of Eleanor Regina (McGettigan) Gregory on May 4, 2026, at the age of 92. Eleanor, a cherished mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, peacefully left this world at her home, surrounded by love, after a courageous battle with dementia.

Born on August 1, 1933, in Philadelphia, PA, Eleanor was the cherished daughter of Kathryn M. Murray and Joseph E. McGettigan. Her early years were marked by resilience and determination, having grown up in the Catholic Home for Destitute Children following the untimely loss of her mother. Eleanor thrived despite these challenges, graduating from Saint Hubert's Catholic High School for Girls in Philadelphia, PA. Displaying an insatiable thirst for learning after raising five children, she later pursued higher education at Burlington County College, earning her degree at the remarkable age of 54.

Eleanor's professional journey spanned several decades, during which she excelled as an Executive Assistant and Corporate Secretary. Her dedication and meticulous attention to detail were evident during her 25-year tenure at Oki Data, Mount Laurel, NJ, as well as her roles at Consarc in Westhampton, NJ, and McMillan Publishing Company in Riverside, NJ.

Beyond her career, Eleanor was a woman of diverse interests and boundless

curiosity. Her love for travel took her across Europe, often in the delightful company of her siblings and friends. She reveled in the beauty of her ancestral Ireland, the charm of London and Paris, the history of Rome and Venice, and the stunning landscapes of Lucerne, Switzerland.

Known for her enthusiasm for crossword puzzles, Eleanor was also an avid reader, a lover of poetry, and possessed the remarkable ability to recite long poems from memory, including the Hail Mary in French. Her great sense of humor was infectious, bringing laughter to those around her. Even at 92, her striking dark brown hair, untouched by grey, was a testament to her vibrant spirit.

Eleanor was a devoted sports enthusiast, cheering passionately for Philadelphia's teams with a particular fondness for the Eagles. Her love for the arts drew her to the theaters and opera houses of New York City and Philadelphia, where she enjoyed countless performances alongside her daughter and friends.

Family was the cornerstone of Eleanor's life. She was predeceased by her parents, Kathryn and Joseph McGettigan; siblings Joseph J. McGettigan, James McGettigan, Kathleen (Kate) Lowery, and Delores (Dee) Dolan; her daughter Brenda Lee Elliott; and granddaughter Caitlin Rose-Mae Cook. She is survived by her beloved and devoted children: Dave (Helen) Gregory, Eileen (Barry) Cook, Carol (Roger) Randall, and Brian (Lori) Gregory. Eleanor's legacy extends to her "Little Sister", Mary Regina (Jeannie) O'Donnel, her "other daughter" Karen Eachus, who never failed to bring her joy, her many nieces and nephews, her dear friend Cathy, and her cherished caregiver and friend, Gifty.

Eleanor's family tree continues to flourish with 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, with another eagerly anticipated arrival on the way. Fondly

called MomMom and Granny, they were the light of her life and she delighted in their accomplishments, taking them for ice cream outings, attending their sports events, plays, and milestones. She saved all their cards and photos.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Comfort Keepers and Affinity Hospice for their compassionate support and to the angel who brought sweet music to Eleanor in her final days. Most of all, they express their deepest appreciation to Gifty, whose love, laughter, care, and wisdom enriched Eleanor's life for four and a half years, and allowed our family precious quality time with our beloved matriarch.

Eleanor's indomitable independent spirit, love of life, and devotion to family will be deeply missed but fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her. As we celebrate her life, we find solace in the memories she leaves behind—a legacy of love, laughter, and resilience.