



## Mildred Kessler

May 4, 1920 - July 17, 2016

MILDRED (SHINN) KESSLER, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 17, 2016 at the Masonic Village in Burlington, NJ at the age of 96.

Born May 4, 1920 in Philadelphia, PA, she was a lifelong resident of Riverside, NJ. Mildred went to Saint Peter's School in Riverside graduating 8th grade in 1935. She and her late husband Ted were graduates of the Riverside High School Class of 1939 where she ran track, was a cheerleader, and played basketball.

Mildred was predeceased by her husband Theodore Kessler (1995) and her grandson Theodore Kessler III (1996). She is survived by her children Theodore Jr. (Paula) of Hopewell, NJ, Donald (Maggie) of San Diego, CA and Joanne Smith (Robert) of Hainesport, NJ; 5 grandchildren: (Mara) Kessler, Thomas Kessler (Dana), Gregory Kessler (Lisa), Robert Smith Jr. (Keriann), and Amanda Smith; and 5 great-grandchildren: Heather Kessler, Brittany Kessler (Zachary), Morgan Colindres (Julio), Derek Kessler, and Cooper Smith; and 2 great-great grandchildren: Logan Colindres and Kinley Crozier. Mildred is also survived by her sister-in-law of 73 years Janet Cutitta and several nieces and nephews.

Mildred was a loving mother and grandmother and dedicated to her family. She was also loved by many of her friends' children and her children's friends

who adopted her as their family. She was an avid knitter who just last year knitted her 2,688th Christmas stocking. She knitted more than 50 fisherman knit afghans. She was a wonderful cook and big sports fan, especially the Phillies. She followed all of her children and grandchildren to their sporting events throughout the years. Mildred and Ted traveled to all 50 states in their retirement years, returning to Maui, Hawaii several times as their favorite spot and documented their trips in several photo albums. She loved the beach and collecting shells.

She suffered a stroke in 2001 and through hard work and perseverance learned to walk again and went to live with her daughter Joanne and her husband Rob and their children. Mildred was a longtime member of the First Moravian Church in Riverside. She officially became a member when she got married in December of 1943.

So many will miss her, including the staff of North 2 Wildwood at the Masonic Village in Burlington where they knew her quick wit and sense of humor.

Friends may call on Thursday night, July 21 from 7-9 PM at the Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St, Mt. Holly, NJ and on Friday morning from 10-11 AM at the First Moravian Church 228 E Bridgeboro St., Riverside NJ with a Funeral Service following at 11 AM. Interment will be at Lakeview Memorial Cemetery in Cinnaminson NJ. Donations can be made to the First Moravian Church 228 East Washington St., Riverside, NJ 08075 and earmarked for the Restricted Endowment Fund.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **21**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels  
438 High Street  
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060  
(609) 267-0399  
info@perinchief.com  
<http://www.perinchief.com>

## Visitation

JUL **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Moravian Church of Riverside  
228 E. Washington St  
Riverside, NJ

## Service

JUL **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Moravian Church of Riverside  
228 E. Washington St  
Riverside, NJ

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mildred Kessler*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Mildred Kessler*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *"She was also loved by many of her friends' children and her children's friends who adopted her as their family"-- this. Aunt Mildred was wonderful... such a loving lady, such an inspiration.... so happy she was my "aunt" xoxo*

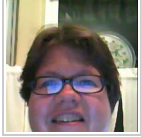
**Corrin McCann** - July 20, 2016 at 07:57 PM



“ *We would like to express our deepest condolences to Joanne and her family. Your Mom was such a special person and it was so evident that she was truly loved and cherished. Love and blessings to you all. Jackie and Bill McClain and Family, Middletown, Delaware*



**Jacqueline McClain** - July 20, 2016 at 12:38 PM



“ To Joanne and the Kessler/Smith family. Mrs. Kessler was an inspiration. I had know her and the family most of my life through church but seeing how great she did after her stroke was amazing. Not to mention all those Christmas stocking and afgans! She always had a smile on her face. To Joanne and Rob, you dedication to your mom was inspiring. Joanne, you made her smile and laugh with the holiday outfits and pictures. You were able to keep her active and able to enjoy her life even after the stroke. Blessings to you!

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**Cindy Moore** - July 19, 2016 at 10:36 PM

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“ When I hear Mildred's name, I smile. I think of Christmas, and all the handmade stockings she made. I'm very grateful my daughter Danielle has one! Now she is expecting her first child, a son. I'm sad he won't have part of her gift. I'm so grateful to part of Mildred's extended family. God bless you, and please give my love to Francis and Clara Blankemyer, because I know they're waiting to welcome you! ❤️🙏

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**Susan Ryan-Shannon** - July 19, 2016 at 08:56 PM

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“ My family in New Jersey know how much we loved Aunt Mildred. The SHINN sibilings didn't have it easy during the depression. The three children were separated. If it wasn't for my mother my dad her little brother would have left those memories behind. But he we didn't! She took parenting to the highest level she know the bonds could not be broken.




Last July my sister and I came to visit. We instantly became sisters with our cousin Joanne and reconnected in the way they would have wanted us too.

I'm thankful that her last days were peaceful and that she knew she was surrounded by millions of people's love for her.

I'm happy she will be with her husband her brother and sister her nephew and all those who have entered the Kingdom of God in heaven.

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sharon shinn - July 19, 2016 at 06:38 PM

 Esther  
Faunce  
DiPaola

“ What a beautiful person you were. RIP



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Esther Faunce DiPaola - July 19, 2016 at 05:29 PM