



Eleanor Jefferson Millican Frye

July 30, 1918 - December 10, 2022

Eleanor Jefferson Millican Frye, 104, of Lookout Mountain, TN, formerly of Griffin, widow of Dr. Augustus Homer Frye, Jr., passed away peacefully Saturday, December 10, 2022, at her home.

Born in Atlanta, July 30, 1918, she was a daughter of the late Earle Evans and Lillie Jefferson Millican. Mrs. Frye attended Shorter College and was a graduate of the University of Georgia where she majored in Journalism and minored in Landscape. When President Roosevelt signed the bill creating the “Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service” on July 30, 1942, she was accepted in the first group of WAVES midshipmen. She served in the Port Director’s office in Charleston, SC which was responsible for routes that US Navy and Merchant Marine vessels followed leaving Charleston. She also served in Communications in New Orleans, LA. She retired from the US Navy after the end of World War II as a Lieutenant.

She and her husband Dr. Augustus Homer Frye, Jr. married in 1950 and when he passed away in 2011, they had been married for sixty-one years. Mrs. Frye served as a telephone operator and retired from AT&T after many years of service.

Eleanor became highly regarded as an immaculate hostess known for her well-planned parties and events.

Eleanor was a member of the Daylily Society and became a daylily hybridizer. She then shifted to more permanent placement of plants and focused on conifers. In 2015 she hosted the Southeast Region Conifer Meeting, which

was well attended and garnered much praise for beautiful gardens.

Recently, she was featured in the book *The Other Veterans of World War II, Stories From Behind the Front Lines* by Rona Simmons

She was a member of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Lookout Mountain.

Throughout her life, she kept a wide range of friends both old and young where she enchanted them with her stories of life, love, and plants.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by daughters, Edith Lane Frye and Betty M. Frye; a sister, Betty Millican Horne; and a brother, Earle Evans "Moose" Millican, Jr.

Survivors include two sons, Augustus H. "Gus" Frye, III of Dalton and Robert M. Frye and wife Dr. April Hurtt Frye of Harrison, TN; granddaughter, Dr. Katherine Frye; grandson, Jonathan Frye and wife Brenda; and two great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to thank her long-time companions Diane Campbell and Phyllis Powell for their wonderful care and love. The family would also like to sincerely thank Amedisys Hospice and our mother's nurse Brian for all the loving care they provided.

Graveside funeral services were conducted Oak Hill Cemetery, Griffin GA with the Reverend Robert Childers, of Lookout Mountain Church of the Good Shepherd officiating.

For online condolences please visit www.haistenmcculloughfuneralhome.com. Haisten McCullough Funeral Home, 1155 Everee Inn Road, Griffin is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

Memorial Dr.
Griffin, GA 30223

Tribute Wall



“ *Eleanor Jefferson Millican Frye*

October 07, 2023 at 09:35 AM