



Grace E. Wills

September 20, 2023

Grace E. Wills (nee McColgan), 95, of the Fairmount section of Philadelphia, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family on Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

Grace is survived by her daughters, Patricia M. Henneberry (Charles), Jacquelyn G. Smith (Walter) and son, Harry P. Wills III (Alexandra), 11 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Harry P. Wills Jr., her daughter, Kathleen M. Merchel (Tom) and her sister, Rose McColgan.

Grace was employed as a bookkeeper, but her most important work was done as a wife and Mother. She treasured her family and the time that she spent with them.

She made the best mashed potatoes and spaghetti sauce. She was always asked to bring mashed potatoes to family dinners. Fortunately, her great granddaughter Kylie compiled many of her recipes and shared the book with the family.

For the past five years, Grace was cared for as a resident of the Philadelphia

Protestant Home. Sadly, over the last part of her life, she was afflicted with memory issues. Even with this issue, she always had a reassuring smile when family members would visit her.

Relatives and friends are invited to celebrate Grace's life on Wednesday, October 4th, 2023 at St. Francis Xavier Church, 24th and Green Streets, Philadelphia, PA. Viewing will take place from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM, followed by a Mass at 10:30 AM. Burial service will be held at 1:30 at Washington Crossing National Cemetery, 830 Highland Road, Newtown, PA.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Grace's memory can be made to the Philadelphia Protestant Home, Attention to Development Department, 6401 Martin Mills Road, Philadelphia, PA 19111 or to the Pink Sisters, Convent of Divine Love, 2212 Green St., Philadelphia, PA 19130

Tribute Wall

EJ

“ *What a beautiful woman was Grace. I always loved listening to her as she shared beautiful memories of her husband Harry and of her children and grandchildren. We always enjoyed each other's company at all the parties. She was a happy person and a joy to be with. She will always be remembered with love. Rest in peace Grace.* ”

Evelyn Julia - September 30, 2023 at 10:31 AM

EJ

“ *Evelyn Julia lit a candle in memory of Grace E. Wills* ”



Evelyn Julia - September 30, 2023 at 10:22 AM

LM

“ *Grace & Harry were the best neighbors that my parents could ask for... They would sit on the steps and Harry would talk about the Phillies... Both of them will truly be missed* ❤️ ”

linda mcmullin - September 29, 2023 at 09:04 PM



“ *John Beach lit a candle in memory of Grace E. Wills* ”



John Beach - September 27, 2023 at 01:34 PM



“ Grace and Harry were at our wedding in 2008. She was the sweetest person. My husband and Harry were church collectors at St Francis Xavier. Prayers for her family.

Caroline Connelly - September 26, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ Jeanie Myers lit a candle in memory of Grace E. Wills



Jeanie Myers - September 26, 2023 at 10:42 AM