



Myrna L. Gillespie

June 23, 2018

Myrna L. Gillespie (nee Choykee), of Teaneck died on June 23, 2018, at the age of 88.

Born on March 29, 1930 in Harlem, New York, Myrna was the only child of Andrew T. and Nellie Crichton Choykee. She attended Evander Childs High School and The City College of New York. She was a former Research Assistant for both Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Bank Street College of Education and an Assistant Director of the NYC Health Department's WIC program. As a second career, she joyfully worked as a Broker for Russo Real Estate in Teaneck until her passing.

Myrna was married to Robert K. Gillespie, a union that spanned over 43 years until his death in 1999. Together, they lived a devoted family and community life in Teaneck. A resident for over 55 years, Myrna was well-known for her local volunteer activities, including service on the Social Services Board of Teaneck, Age-Friendly for Teaneck (Housing Committee), and The Voorhees Street Association. She was a former PTA President, Girl Scout troop leader and Boy Scout Den Mother. She was a leader in many clubs including The Bergen County Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, The Coalition of 100 Black Women Bergen/Passaic Chapter (Charter Member), the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Teaneck/Englewood Vicinity. She was also a devout parishioner of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Among her current activities, Myrna belonged to a bowling league and loved her Bridge, Poker, Pokeno and Bonanza groups. She was a crossword puzzle

enthusiast, avid traveler and recently enjoyed a cross country road trip to California.

Preceded in death by her husband, Robert, she is survived by her children, Lisa Gillespie Jenkins (Paul Bishop Jenkins, MD), Marc R. Gillespie (Atheia Inman) and Mia S. Gillespie, as well as her seven cherished grandchildren. Visitation will be held on Friday, June 29th from 4-8pm and services will take place on Saturday, June 30th, at 10am, both at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Englewood, NJ, followed by Internment at George Washington Memorial Park in Paramus. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Episcopal Relief & Development, Children Fund, made in Myrna's honor are appreciated. (<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>)

Cemetery Details

George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ 07652

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
113 Engle Street
Englewood, NJ 07631

Service

JUN **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Myrna L. Gillespie*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Myrna L. Gillespie*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Myrna L. Gillespie*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Myrna L. Gillespie.*



June 30, 2018 at 09:30 AM



“ *Rochelle & Joe Anderson and Gloria Hurt & Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Myrna L. Gillespie.*



Rochelle & Joe Anderson and Gloria Hurt & Family - June 29, 2018 at 08:38 AM

JK

“ On behalf of my husband Michael and myself, I extend our heartfelt sympathy to Myrna's family. We knew and admired Myrna and Bob for many years, and Teaneck is indebted to them for their devoted community service. I am personally gratified that Myrna became involved in Age-Friendly Teaneck, offering her practical advice to ensure that Teaneck older residents would be able to age-in-place in their homes and community with independence and dignity.

She was energetic, enthusiastic, brilliant and beautiful, and an inspiration to all.

*Jacqueline Kates, Coordinator Age-Friendly Teaneck
Member Teaneck Township Council 1996-2008
Mayor Township of Teaneck 2002-2006*

Jacqueline Kates - June 28, 2018 at 06:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Myrna L. Gillespie.*



June 28, 2018 at 04:56 PM

MD

“ *Margôt and Danielle purchased the Glorious Memories Garland for the family of Myrna L. Gillespie.*



Margôt and Danielle - June 28, 2018 at 09:56 AM

MS

“ Dearest Lisa, Mark and Mia,

I am so sorry for your loss. From stories you've shared, I know she lived a wonderfully great life. Above all else, you and your children are her most treasured legacy and the vessel of her best and well-placed intentions. My thoughts remain with during this season of loss and remembrance.



*Forever hugs to you all,
Margôt*

Margôt Stephenson - June 28, 2018 at 09:05 AM

BM

“ *I'm sure I speak for all the ladies on Wed. Leisure Ladies Bowling league. Myrna was the sweetest gentle soul. She was loved and admired by all. We bowled together for close to 20 years. Her smile and zest for life was amazing. Myrna was always ready to lend a hand no matter what was asked and always made our luncheons a happy place with her added touch to the decorations. She will truly be missed. May she be at peace and in the arms of our Lord and Savior.*

Betty McNair - June 28, 2018 at 05:52 AM