



## Ms. Edith Sziburies

June 17, 1928 - June 14, 2022

Edith Sziburies, a long term employee in the Baltimore office of Connecticut General Life Insurance Company (now known as Cigna), a refugee from East Prussia during the second World War, an emigrant to the United States in 1957, died June 14, 2022, at her home in Baltimore. She was nearly 94.

Ms. Sziburies was born in Goldap, East Prussia, Germany, June 17, 1928, and was the youngest child of Karl and Hedwig Sziburies. Her father was a manager of canteens for the German army and her mother was a homemaker. Her family moved to Konigsberg, the capital of East Prussia, in 1937. As a teenager attending high school with her two brothers, Edith grew up during the Nazi regime and World War II. During the Russian advance into East Prussia in late 1944, her father was conscripted in the army. Captured by the Russian army and imprisoned, her father was released several years later; he then died one or two years after his release being a

broken man. Her younger brother, a German army enlisted man, had been killed at the age of 19 in East Prussia and her older brother in the German army was later captured by the US Army. As the Red Army approached Germany, Ms. Sziburies and her mother were among thousands who made the exodus from Konigsberg to Danzig by boat, and then west by rail. The two arrived in Niebull, along the Danish border, then in a zone administered by the United Kingdom, a travail taking three months, avoiding bombings and hunger. After the war ended, they were relocated to Hamburg.

Ms. Sziburies worked in England and two years later moved to Munich serving as an administrative assistant for the US Army as it administered post-war control in West Germany.

Encouraged by Army officers, she applied and was granted immigration status and arrived in

New York City aboard the USNS General Harry Taylor on January 24, 1957.

Living with her

American sponsors in Towson, she soon accepted a position with Connecticut General and was

the primary assistant to the general manager of the office, Amos Hutchins, with the company

enjoying exceptional growth over the years.

Ms. Sziburies was a long term member of Govans Presbyterian Church, and spent many

years participating with its choir. She enjoyed performances of the Baltimore

Symphony,  
sharing her love of music, gardening, traveling with friends throughout the US  
and Europe, and  
visited frequently with her family in Germany.

Ms. Sziburies was predeceased by her father, mother, and brothers. She is  
survived by her  
nephews Arno and Axel Sziburies, and niece, Anke Stoelzel and their families  
in Germany.

Ms. Sziburies was loved dearly by two families that considered her one of  
their own, the Carter  
and the Hutchins families.

A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, September 14th at 11am at  
Govans Presbyterian  
Church, 5828 York Road, Baltimore, MD 21212. Please omit flowers.  
Memorials in her name  
may be made to Govans Presbyterian Church.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Govans Presbyterian Church  
5828 York Rd  
Baltimore, MD 21212

# Tribute Wall

PB

“ I remember Edith as a vital part of the Villages at Homeland West community. Until recently, she attended every condo meeting and was very active in the community itself. At one point she wrote and edited a monthly newsletter for VHW, always beginning the paper with an upbeat message from the editor. She took tai chi at her church and did a lot of volunteer work for her church as well. She also loved attending BSO concerts. Her balcony was full of flowers every summer; she loved the Christmas season and always put up a live tree, which she decorated with delight. She was truly an amazing woman whose sunny outlook belied the sadness she experienced earlier in her life during WW2. Despite the sadness of her early life, her faith in God and in her fellow humans was strong. Condolences to her family. Rest in well-deserved peace, Edith.

Peg Benner - September 11, 2022 at 10:01 AM

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“ My parents enjoyed Edith's daily visits - tea time at 4 and after dinner for cards. Edith enjoyed playing Shanghai on my weekend visits to my parents who lived in the condo across the hall. We considered Edith a part of our family and included her in all our celebrations. She will be missed! Linda Detty, Burke, VA



Linda M Detty - September 07, 2022 at 11:55 AM

PF

“ I enjoyed working with Edith. She was the glue that kept the office together and running efficiently. It was a pleasure to work with her. Paula Trafton Felt, Cavendish, VT

Paula Felt - August 06, 2022 at 08:29 AM