



Mrs. Maureen Isabel Mason

May 28, 1918 - February 13, 2015

Maureen Isabel Neely Mason died on February 13, 2015 at Gilchrist Hospice in Towson, Maryland.

Maureen was born on May 28th 1918 in Londonderry, Ireland. When she was 10 years old she and her best friend were in the field where Amelia Erhart landed her plane having just crossed the Atlantic. They were the first to greet her and let her know that she was in fact in Ireland.

Maureen attended the Belfast College of Domestic Science graduating with a degree in Home

Economics. She met her future husband just before America entered World War II.

George W. Mason was serving in the Navy building airstrips in Ireland and preparing for America to join the War effort. Maureen and George were together for two years and married on December 24th 1942 just days before George was sent to the Pacific for 5 years. When the war ended and George was finally sent home, he returned to Ireland to bring Maureen to America where they lived in Amesbury New Hampshire while George attended nursing school at Boston University.

They moved to Baltimore in 1950. Maureen worked at Hutzler's Department store as a supervisor in the women's separates department. Having a serious allergy to carpet glue she was forced to leave Hutzler's after over 25 years. She became a volunteer at Church Home and Hospital and with an interdisciplinary team of professionals from the Hospital flew to England to meet with Cecily

Saunders and to see how Hospice care was delivered in England. The team returned home and started the first Hospice in Maryland at Church Hospital.

Maureen was a volunteer in the hospice program and in addition to her patient care she gave talks on Hospice Care around the state. She received the Channel 13 volunteer award during this time.

Maureen was someone who spoke her mind. Most often with great wisdom and insight. She and George cared for many young people during their marriage. And there were many people, young and old who adopted them as role models and loving foster parents.

She was an active member of Towson Presbyterian Church.

Surviving Maureen are her three nephews: Christopher, Dennot and Jeremy Neely living in

Ireland and England with their wives, children and grandchildren. Her husband, George Mason, and her brother Alwyn Neely predecease her.

A memorial service will be held at Towson Presbyterian Church, date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Towson Presbyterian Church, 400 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, MD 21204.