



Eileen Benedetti

June 23, 1933 - August 30, 2024

Eileen was born in Paterson, NJ. She attended school in Midland Park, NJ. Eileen worked full-time as a telephone operator for Bell Telephone. She also helped out at her parents' diner where, one afternoon, she met the love of her life. She and Jim dated then married in 1955. Their daughter, Phyllis, was born in 1957 followed very closely by their son James Jr, (Jay) in 1958.

Eileen became a stay at home Mom. Something was always baking when we arrived home from school! Eileen was known for her homemade pastas, ravioli, and her Sunday sauce. The recipe for that sauce can't be duplicated because she used a pinch, a dab, and a handful when describing the ingredients. Her cheesecake was legendary and none of us ever order cheesecake out because we know it will never taste like Mom's.

Jim was a builder of beautiful homes. Eileen was the decorator, and she made the model homes showroom worthy. When Jim finally decided to retire, they moved to Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia. It was rural and quiet, and it became their favorite place on earth.

When Jim passed away in 2023, Eileen moved to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to be closer to her daughter. We got to share the beach with her for a year. In her final weeks, she got to spend time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family.

Eileen was predeceased by her husband of 69 years, James Benedetti and a sister, Rita Athans.

She is survived by her daughter Phyllis Phillips and her son-in-law Joe, granddaughter, Nichole Phillips and great grandchildren, Graydon and Josephine, and her granddog, Autumn.

She is survived by her son, James Benedetti, Jr. and her daughter in law LeeAnn, granddaughter Alainia Guiliana, and great grandchildren Nora, Michael and Zachary, Grandson Steven Benedetti and his wife, Jen Houston and great granddaughter June.

She is also survived by her brothers Gary Hup and Marty Hup, and a sister, Carol Jean Hup, as well as many cherished nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Eileen and Jim were the kind of neighbors everyone wishes for. They became much loved friends. Eileen often surprised us with creative, delicious meals. She had amazing decorating skills and feeling for what would look good and what wouldn't. Always sweet, kind and ready to help. We miss them.*
Marty and Riki

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