



Eileen Turley Bechelli

August 11, 1931 - September 25, 2023

Hampton- Eileen Turley Bechelli, 92, of Hampton, NH, passed away Monday, September 25, 2023. Born in Woodside, Queens and raised in Greenpoint, NYC, Eileen was the eldest of the late Hugh and Ann (Jenkins) Turley's 6 children. She attended Fordham University but left early when her father became ill; she joined the workforce at Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Later, she toured Europe with her mother and sister. In time, she married Bruno Bechelli & moved to Nutley, NJ where they raised their two children. Eileen took pride in meticulously following the recipes shared by her Italian mother-in-law & sister-in-law. She later graduated from Montclair State University, received her master's degree at NYU and was a demonstrative supporter of the burgeoning women's rights movement of the 1970s. She was a volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels, a Cub Scout Den Mother, worked as a professional art therapist and was an active artist and member of the Miniature Art Society of New Jersey. After her husband's death in 1999, she retired to New Hampshire, where she enjoyed the nearby beach, tended her patio garden, and kept in touch with her long-time friends. She also had a lifelong affinity for cats.

Eileen is survived by her sons Brian Bechelli (wife Amy) and Keith Bechelli, her brother Rev. Sean Turley, and her sisters Sr. Patricia Turley and Elizabeth Turley. She was predeceased by her husband Bruno Bechelli and siblings Hugh Turley and Moya Lalor.

The funeral was held on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 9:30am from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 267 Centre St., Nutley.

The funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:30am at St. Mary's Church, Nutley.

The interment followed at Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Montclair.

Visitors were received at the funeral home on Tuesday, October 3rd from 5 – 8pm.

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