



Gladys Faye Ivey Cunningham

April 1, 1928 - June 1, 2019

Gladys Faye Ivey Cunningham passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 1 at the age of 91. She was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma then moved to Texas. Moving frequently and being an only child led to a love of reading, words and writing. Graduating high school early at age of 16, Gladys went on to attend Rice University. A blind date arranged by mutual friends, introduced her to the love of her life, Newton William Cunningham. Not only did she gain a devoted and loving husband of more than sixty years, she loved being a part of the large Cunningham family. Their early years together included time in Boston, College Station, and Dominican Republic, before finally settling down in Northern Virginia.

Her biggest project was raising and nurturing her four children: Kim, Kit, Coday and Katey. Gladys built a strong sense of family by making many, many cookies, gingerbread men, cakes, pies and popovers. She was a constant volunteer including room parent, girl scout leader, blue bird leader, pony barn treasurer, pony club jump judge, school volunteer, hospital aide, and altar guild member. A collector of memorabilia representing American eagles, cows and birds, our beloved mother enjoyed cooking, entertaining, crossword puzzles, and watching Jeopardy. After raising her children, she embraced her country roots and moved to the Shenandoah Valley to restore a farm house, grow vegetables, watch the cows, and transform apples into delectable apple butter, apple pies and apple sauce.

She is predeceased by her husband and two sons. She is survived by her daughters, four loving grandchildren (Kyle, Shannon, Allison and Stephen) and two (soon to be four) great grand children (Kimberly and William).

A graveside service is being arranged at Arlington National Cemetery so that she can rest in eternal peace with Bill and Kit. Details to follow.

In lieu of donations or flowers, please take this opportunity to tell someone you love how much they mean to you.