



## Ila Mae Avery

April 11, 1923 - September 24, 2017

Ila Mae Wallace Avery, 94, transitioned to the next phase of her long life on September 24, 2017, joining her beloved husband John W. Avery. She is survived by her loving children: Bill Avery, Larry Avery (Cheryl), Sandy Axelson (Bill), her granddaughter Kristin Axelson (Jacob Warstler) and her great grandson, Eli Warstler; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Born April 1, 1923 in Johnston County, NC, Ila Mae was witness to an amazing transformation of the world and the country. This included living through the great depression, a number of wars including World War II, and the transformation of our country into a world power. She and John moved from North Carolina after World War II and built a solid life in Northern Virginia, raising three children who all excelled in their lives. She never met a person who was not a friend, was well loved by all who met her, and frequently became a surrogate mother and mentor to many. Where wealth is measured in terms of the number of people positively touched by a person throughout their life, Ila Mae was a fabulously wealthy person. Her presence in this world will be missed and mourned but she will be charming all she meets in heaven where she reunites with John and family and friends that preceded her. A celebration of Ila Mae's life will be held at Noon on September 30, 2017 at the Jefferson Funeral Chapel 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria Virginia. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to The American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Ila Mae Avery*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *On behalf of the Wells family I would like to express our condolences to the Avery family. My mom Pearl valued Ila Mae's friendship greatly and it was always a joy for both Pearl and myself when she would visit. She was a kind, sweet caring lady who was well liked and respected by everyone in the neighborhood. One of my earliest memories was of the time when she and Grandpa Avery came over to visit on a very cold winter day. He was cradling my youngest sister Donna, just a month or two old at the time I think, in his arms, as we all looked out the front window on a cold snowy day. I remember looking up, seeing the kindness in his smile and feeling so blessed they were our neighbors. I know my mom will be very happy to see Ila Mae once again. Sandra, Wayne and Bill, you are truly blessed to have to have had such a wonderful mother. Sincerely,  
Bob*

November 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"My Deepest Condolences go out to the Avery family, I hope you find comfort in these words, "He will swallow up death forever,.....And will wipe away the tears from all faces. Isaiah 25:8. We want to trust in Jehovah God's, promise of the resurrection hope. jw.org*

November 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Ila Mae Avery*

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum - September 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *oh the fun we had with Aunt Ila Mae when she would visit Ms. Ruth and Pa Clarence. Ms. Ruth and Pa Clarence kept my son Corey from the time he was 2 months old until he was old enough to stay home. Her words were always wisdom to embrace along with a little humor added. May God Bless you in the days ahead.*

September 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the family,*

*My condolences on the loss of your loved one. May you find the words at Revelation 21:4, and John 5:28, 29 of comfort to know that Soon God will do away with death and will reunite you with your loved one. Please also continue to cherish the loving memories you shared together as they too can be a source of comfort.*

September 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Ila Mae Avery*

Sweet Solace Spray - September 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *A wonderful woman has been lost to so many. I lived next door and got to know her from the time I was 8 years old. Ms. Avery I considered my 2nd mother. You could tell her anything and she never judged you. She was a great listener. She will be sorely missed. Good bye Mrs. Avery. Til we meet again.*

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September 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM