



## Mrs. Eileen Burns

March 25, 1927 - November 30, 2020

Eileen Burns passed away on November 30, 2020, secure in her faith and with the thoughts of a family who loved her deeply. The cause was complications of Covid-19. Eileen had been a resident of the Farrar Home since the death of Bernard, her husband of 67 years in 2014. She transitioned to the Alice Center in 2018 where she was a resident until her death.

Born Margaret Eileen Normile on March 25, 1927 in Ogdensburg, NY, she was the third of Frank and Ann (Mahoney) Normile's five children. Her early years, like many of her peers, were marked by the privations and struggles of the Great Depression. She was a graduate of St. Joseph's Ursuline Academy in Malone, NY. After graduation, together with a friend from childhood, she embarked on a journey of religious vocation with the Ursuline Sisters of the Eastern Province in New Rochelle, NY. While her life path would eventually move away from taking religious vows, her faith remained a steadfast and unwavering element in her life. Her many friends knew Eileen as demure and possessing a moral compass always pointing to compassion and empathy for others.

In 1947, she was joined in holy matrimony to Bernard Burns of Helena, NY. She joined New York Telephone, a legacy company of Verizon Communications, as a telephone operator in 1949. She held that position until her retirement in 1981, concluding 32 years of uninterrupted service to the company. While not the custom for the time, she raised six children while pursuing full-time outside employment, this when options and resources

typically available today were either nonexistent, or beyond the reach of most women.

Eileen was active in both faith and civic organizations. Including, but not limited to, the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Joseph's Church, a parish she and Bernard were communicants for over 65 years. In retirement, the local election board could always count on her support. Poll work was important, and she took great pleasure in re-connecting with friends and acquaintances separated by distance and time.

It was during this time she and Bernard alternated between summers in Malone and winters in Stuart, FL., all the while taking delight in their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to Bernard, she was predeceased by her parents and two siblings: Joan Hurley and Robert Normile. She is survived by a sister, Therese Kelly of Ogdensburg, NY and a brother, Jack (Joy) Normile of Brasher, NY; a sister-in-law, Katherine Foley of Massena, NY; her children, JulieAnn Bartalo (Bart) of Canton, NY, Patricia Bianchet (Paul) of Granby, CT, Charles Burns (Helen) of Lake Mary, FL, Rosemarie Shatraw (Kenny) of Malone, Madonna Burns of Albany, NY and Barry Burns of Alpharetta, GA; ten grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one step-grandchild; one great-great-grandchild; many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12 noon on Saturday, Sept. 4 at Notre Dame Church.

Burial will take place at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Lake Titus Road, Malone.

Donations in her memory may be to the Malone Callfiremen.

## Cemetery Details

### **St. Joseph's Cemetery**

Lake Titus Road  
Malone, NY

## Previous Events

### **Mass of Christian Burial**

SEP 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

Notre Dame Church  
11 Church Place  
Malone, NY 12953

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Julie & Roger,*

*My condolences, and prayers to you, and your family on your loss. Today, and always may the loving memories bring you peace, comfort, and strength.*

*- Sean Barkley*

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**Sean Barkley** - September 02, 2021 at 06:36 PM

CN

“ *Please accept our deepest condolences. We shall remember your mother in our prayers.*

*Chris Normile & Family*

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**Chris Normile** - December 05, 2020 at 02:05 PM

SY

“ *Dear Burns Family,*

*How ironic that your mom, my mom (Mary Wilson), and Carolyn Cymbrak, all members of our childhood neighborhood would pass away within a week of each other. My parents enjoyed attending Telephone Pioneer events together, and Mom always delighted in visits she had with your mom, both at home or more recently in your mom's nursing home facility. My condolences to you. Susan Yaddow*

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**Susan Yaddow** - December 05, 2020 at 10:47 AM



“ To the Burns family- I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I know she was a wonderful person and I really enjoyed the many years they would come into McDonald's. They were so pleasant and funny. Much love and prayers to you all.

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**Deb Boyea** - December 04, 2020 at 03:43 PM



“ We so enjoyed our visits with your mother in recent years when we would reminisce about growing up in North Lawrence and share stories about our children, grandchildren and great- grandchildren. There are so many wonderful memories. May your memories give you peace and comfort. Jack and Joy

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**Jack and Joy** - December 04, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ Have such fond childhood memories of your mom and dad! No matter how old we are, it's never easy to lose a parent. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss.  
Gayle & Eric Boak

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**Gayle Boak** - December 03, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ To: Julie, Patty, Charlie, Rose, Madonna, Barry and families. Sending thoughts and prayers to all. So many good memories of times with Bernie, Eileen & cousins in the younger days - playing in Malone, at Grandma's & Grampa's, and at home. Eileen had an unmistakable & infectious laugh - great memories of visiting in Stuart as well. Hoping you can find peace with the good memories of this great lady. Looking forward to getting together in the near future - love to all. Steve & Mary Hurley.

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**Steve & Mary Hurley** - December 02, 2020 at 12:25 PM

SF

“ *Sherri L Fisher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eileen Burns*



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**Sherri L Fisher** - December 02, 2020 at 10:40 AM

SF

*Madonna & Family,  
So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. While I did not know her, it is certainly evident that she was a wonderful and gracious lady. Prayers to your family.  
Sherri Fisher*

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**Sherri L Fisher** - December 02, 2020 at 10:43 AM

BC

“ *So sorry for your loss Rosie. prayers to you and your family . Love, Doug and Bonny*



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**Bonny Clark** - December 02, 2020 at 07:45 AM

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“ *Tomasa Toledo lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eileen Burns*



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**Tomasa Toledo** - December 01, 2020 at 07:49 PM

JR

“ *Jean Ritchings lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eileen Burns*



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**Jean Ritchings** - December 01, 2020 at 03:58 PM

SL

“ *Sandra LaRose lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eileen Burns*



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**Sandra LaRose** - December 01, 2020 at 02:40 PM