



Isabelle McVaugh

January 24, 2015

Isabelle Ewing McVaugh, 90, of Medford Leas, beloved wife and mother, and co-founder of Arizona School Choice Trust, died on January 24, 2015.

Isabelle was born in Abington, Pa., on December 28, 1924, and was the older sibling to three brothers. She attended George School, where she met her future husband, John "Jack" Eastburn McVaugh, Jr. After attending Wellesley College, she returned home to marry her high school sweetheart in 1945. The couple settled in Riverton, NJ, where they raised three children and hosted many exchange students. Isabelle was very active in the local Quaker community including Westfield Friends Meeting. She was a dedicated wife and helped Jack with many projects.

After residing in Arizona following Jack's retirement, the couple worked tirelessly to establish Arizona School Choice Trust, one of the first nonprofit groups to use donations and tax credits to provide education scholarships for low-income children to attend the school of their choice. Isabelle was also a dedicated summer resident of Barnegat Light, NJ, where she and her husband had a home for many years. Their happy marriage lasted 63 years until Jack's death in 2009.

Isabelle is survived by her brother, John Ewing of Burlington, Vt.; two children, Mary (Don) Shannon of Chicora, Pa., and Jay McVaugh of Sedona, Az.; three grandchildren, one great-grandson, and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her husband, her daughter Sally MacEwen of Atlanta, Ga., and her granddaughter Katie Shannon of Chicora, Pa.

A memorial service is planned for March at a date and time to be determined; please visit the Lewis Funeral Home website for updates. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Arizona School Choice Trust through their website, asct.org, or by mail to 2875 West Ray Rd Suite 6-314 Chandler, Arizona, 85224

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Westfield Friends Meeting House
2201 Riverton Road
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Memorial Service

MAR 29. 2:00 PM (ET)

Medford Leas
Medford Leas Way
Medford, NJ 08055

Tribute Wall



“ *Isabelle McVaugh*

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ *Isabelle McVaugh*

November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Ginger French lit a candle in memory of Isabelle McVaugh*



Ginger French - February 05, 2015 at 03:04 PM



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Ginger French - February 05, 2015 at 03:00 PM

GF

“ Mom's (Elizabeth "Buttons" Hughes Farley) favorite cousin will get a splendid welcome in Heaven! What a beautiful, gracious, and generous soul -- and so smart! They were the same age and enjoyed visiting when able. We Farley girls will always treasure our memories spent out at the Scottsdale home, including the great hospitality for a huge brunch for out-of-towners the day before Beth and Jim married.

Jack and Isabelle will always be loved and remembered.

Ginger (Virginia) Ann Farley French, Wichita, KS (Land of Oz and Aaahs!)

Ginger French - February 05, 2015 at 02:56 PM

SW

“ Flash (and Jack) were friends of many years with my parents Ads and Phil Taft. They shared many memories in Riverton as they raised their families. Every summer I remember visiting their home in Barnegat Light--such wonderful people. Sending love and prayers to the family on the loss of a special person.
susan (taft) white

susan white - February 02, 2015 at 08:11 PM

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“ God bless your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Isabelle and Jack left an incredible legacy in tens of thousands of school choice children and graduates here in Arizona and beyond. To this day, we continue to tell our families and the world the story of their first year of ASCT and their vision. Much love from all of us here. -Elizabeth Dreckman

Elizabeth - January 30, 2015 at 05:45 AM