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Elizabeth Hilker O'Neil, 85, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, died July 5, 2025, in Front Royal, VA, after a battle with cancer.

Liz will be remembered best for her boundless artistic creativity, love of nature, gardening, pinochle, and a deep love of family, especially her late husband Gene, her children, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends. A citizen of Culpeper for nearly 40 years, she was active in community issues and performed volunteer work for Triad and the local Republican Party. Throughout those years, she and her husband Gene raised four children on six continents, surviving earthquakes, military coups and the Revolution in Iran. After Gene's retirement, the couple moved to Madison, VA where she lived for nearly 20 years until her move to Front Royal last year. She was born in Brooktondale, New York, where she spent her early childhood.

She is survived by her son, Mike O'Neil of Strasburg, VA, daughter-in-law Tammy O'Neil and their children, Jarah, Jacob, Michelle, Anthony and Sandra; daughter Theresa Knight of Burgess, VA, son-in-law Jeff Knight and their children, Grace, Ian, Catherine and Pierce; daughter Belinda Palmer of McLean, VA, son-in-law Jim Palmer and their children, Garrett and Rachel; daughter Erin Herbig of Clifton, VA, son-in-law Dave Herbig and their daughters Summer and Kolby; 13 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; and her sisters Terry Donlick of Freeville, NY and Judy Tripp of Cortland, NY.

Liz was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene O'Neil; his father, James O'Neil, his mother, Mary O'Neil, his sister, Elin Marie and brothers, Michael, Martin, Richard, and Jim O'Neil; her mother, Grace Hilker Cowles, father, Eldon Hilker, and brother, John Hilker.

The family will receive friends at Found and Sons Funeral Chapel, 850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper, beginning at 10:00 am on Monday, July 28, 2025. Service will follow at 11:00 am with her son, Michael O'Neil officiating.

The family invites those unable to attend to watch via livestream at <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?>



Obituary

Elizabeth Hilker O'Neil

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Interment will follow at Culpeper National Cemetery, 501 E. Chandler Street., Culpeper.

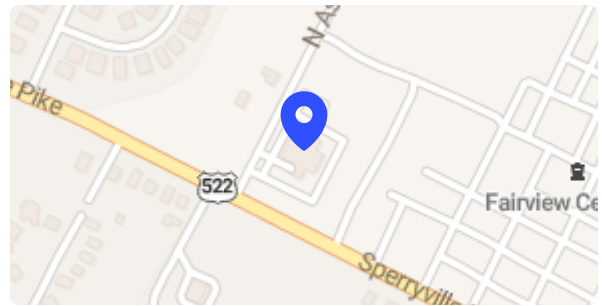
In addition to flowers, memorial donations may be made in her name to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 W. Cork St., #405, Winchester, VA 22601.

Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper is serving the family.



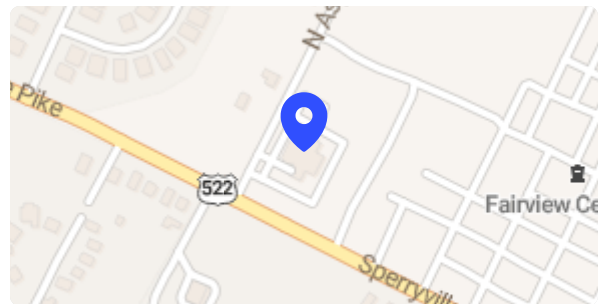
Visitation

- Monday**, July 28, 2025
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- Found and Sons Funeral Chapels & Cremation Service**
850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper VA 22701



Graveside Service

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- 11:00 AM ET
- Found and Sons Funeral Chapels & Cremation Service**
850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper VA 22701



Cemetery Details

- Culpeper National Cemetery (New)**
501 East Chandler Street, Culpeper VA 22701





Tribute Wall

Elizabeth Hilker O'Neil



Elizabeth Will Remain In Our Hearts Forever. Aunt Bea & All Her "Farm O'neils" /Crew. sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the O'Neil family.

July 26 at 10:17 AM



With Love Aunt Bea Ben Sandra Oneil Elin Jim & Family, Jackie Thomas & Family, Rich Cosetta & Family planted a grove of 5 Memorial Trees in honor of Elizabeth.

July 26 at 10:02 AM



The Kavanagh's sent a Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray to the O'Neil family.

July 25 at 6:04 AM



Matt Kavanagh posted:

Erin- On behalf of the Kavanagh family, it is with heavy hearts that we share our sorrow with the entire O'Neil family over the news of your mom's passing. It was deeply saddening when your message aptly described "...that it strangely feels like the last thread between our families has been pulled." We were all blessed with having experienced such exotic travels during which our parents and families forged a life-long friendship. And now through the years we have established our own families, created our own adventures, grown old ourselves, and ultimately, grown apart. With all of our heroes gone, we must preserve all of the fond and endearing memories we have from growing up together overseas, the milestones of life witnessed here at home in weddings, births, and sadly funerals. Let's ensure that the last thread pulled completes a stitch. Peace and Love Always The Kavanagh's

July 25 at 5:59 AM



Anonymous sent an Enduring Grace to the O'Neil family.

July 24 at 5:33 PM





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Elizabeth.



July 24 at 5:33 PM



Hank And Victoria sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the O'Neil family.



July 23 at 8:11 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Elizabeth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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