

## G. EILEEN FORD

G. Eileen Ford passed peacefully on Wednesday, November 8 in Bowling Green, Ohio. She was born in Kenton, Ohio, to Theodore and Cleda McElheny of LaRue, Ohio on March 27, 1925, and attended Ohio Northern University where she studied pharmacy. It was there that she met her husband, Richard N. Ford. At the end of WWII and his return from service, she joined him in Maumee where she has resided since 1946.

Eileen was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Maumee and was a lifetime member of the American Legion Auxiliary where she served terms as unit President at both Walter Weller Post #135 and the Maumee Post #320. She belonged to the 8&40 (the honor society of the American Legion Auxiliary), advocated for youth in her service to Buckeye Girls State and was dedicated to serving veterans through the annual sale of poppies and volunteering tirelessly at both the Soldiers' and Sailors' home in Sandusky and at Toledo Mental Health Center. She and her husband were founding parents of the Maumee Suns Drum and Bugle Corps which later became the Glassmen Drum and Bugle Corps.

After celebrating 50 years of marriage, Eileen was predeceased by her husband, Dick Ford; and more recently by

her brother, Rowland McElheny and his wife, Kathryn. Survivors include son, Alyn Ford of Findlay (wife, Allyson); daughter, Patti Watson of Maumee (husband, Dave); grandchildren, Hilary Ford-Bommarito, Colin Ford, Sage Hess, Stephanie Robinson, Katy and Sarah Watson; as well as great-grandchildren, Raife and Cheyenne Robinson.

In the 1940s and 1950s Eileen worked at Tomlinson Drug in Maumee, but she was a devoted homemaker and mother during her children's early years. When her children reached adulthood she was a dedicated employee of Prescription Supply and Kaufman Lattimore Pharmaceutical Supply.

Family and friends will be received at the **Maison-Dardenne-Walker Funeral Home, 501 Conant St.**, Maumee on Sunday, November 12, 2017 from 3-8 p.m. with the American Legion Post #320 Ladies Auxiliary services at 7:00 p.m. Funeral Services will be held on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 310 Elizabeth St., Maumee, OH. Donations in Eileen's memory may be sent to St. Paul's Episcopal Church or the National Children and Youth Foundation of the American Legion. Online condolences may be shared at: [walkerfuneralhomes.com](http://walkerfuneralhomes.com)