



Eleanor Elizabeth Slaten Wald

May 11, 1916 - November 26, 2013

Eleanor Elizabeth Slaten Wald was born on May 11, 1916 in Wellington, Kansas to Eunice Clayton Slaten and Jesse Meredith Slaten. Eleanor graduated from the College of Education at the University of Kansas in 1938. In 1940, Eleanor married Elmer Wald of Herington, Kansas. They had one daughter, Merideth Ann. She and Elmer lived in Belen and Las Vegas, New Mexico. After moving to Albuquerque in 1953, she began teaching sixth grade at Lew Wallace Elementary School. Her Masters Degree in elementary education from the University of New Mexico was received in 1958. When Apache Elementary School was opened in 1961, Eleanor taught fourth and fifth grade in the “open classroom” concept. She retired from the Albuquerque Public Schools in 1977. Among the women’s teacher organizations that Eleanor belongs to is Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, the largest international women’s educational sorority. She held the office of State Treasurer for thirteen years and was the Chairman of the International Finance Committee. During her tenure, she stressed membership responsibility with consistent development of personal and professional growth results. Eleanor was a member of and has held many offices in the Daughters of the American Revolution, League of Women Voters, Eastern Star, Kappa Kappa Iota, Pi Lambda Theta Society and Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority. She was also a member of Mortar Board National Senior Honor Society, American Association of University Women, New Mexico Association of Educational Retirees and Central United Methodist Church. Eleanor

dedicated many hours of volunteer work for the Lovelace Hospital Volunteers and was a member of the Board of Directors of the auxiliary. In 1959, Eleanor's friend, Matie R. Viles, began a foundation whose purpose is to provide scholarships to educate orphaned and half-orphaned children in San Miguel and Mora Counties. Matie asked Eleanor to be a member of her Board of Directors. Although Matie died in 1961, Eleanor remained on the board for fifty-five years, guiding the board and making certain that Matie's wishes have been carried out. To date, the foundation has given scholarships to 950 children totaling over two and a half million dollars. In 2009, Eleanor was honored by the New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women as one of their ten Most Distinguished Women. In 2013, The Daughters of the American Revolution awarded her with the Excellence in Community Service. These awards were given primarily because of her work with the Viles Foundation, Inc. and the children of New Mexico. Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer; and son-in-law, David Hmura. She is survived by her daughter, Merideth Hmura; and nieces and nephews, Kathleen Christoff, Gary Christoff, Ronald Wald, Robert Wald, Marsha Carbonneau, Mary Ellen Rich, Kenneth Keith, Raymond Keith, Brian Keith and Glen Keith. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2013, 10:00 a.m., at FRENCH – University, with burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery, 924 Menaul Blvd NE. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Viles Foundation, Inc., PO Box 1117, Las Vegas, NM 87701.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

924 Menaul Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107
(505) 345-3536
info@sunset-memorial.com
<https://www.sunset-memorial.com/>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 7. 10:00 AM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (University)
1111 University Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87102
(505) 843-6333
<https://www.FrenchFunerals.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ This lady was one of my favorite teachers. I had her for 2 years at Apache. I always loved her handwriting. Because of Ms Wald, I have very nice handwriting. My dad took me to her house to see her when she got sick one of those years...I was very sad when I read that she had past away. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. Ms Wald, you were such a great teacher..Thank you for being mine when I was 8 and 9 years old...You cared for your students and treated us like we were your children. I thank you...May you rest in peace....

Monique - December 07, 2013 at 11:36 PM

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“ Eleanor touched so many lives, accomplished so much, and made such a difference in the world. She was a strong, steady, and bright light, and her legacy and memory will continue to provide guidance for all that strive for a better world. I will never forget her radiant, pleasant personality and genuine interest in others. My memories of Eleanor are punctuated by her class and grace. What I remember most is she was ageless, her open-mindedness, and her willingness to go places and do things. She lived life to the fullest. Eleanor set the bar so high I hope we all can reach it.



Janis Silveri - December 06, 2013 at 09:47 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Eleanor Elizabeth Slaten Wald.*



December 06, 2013 at 11:07 AM



“ *Merideth,*

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike, Kathy, Bryce, Dawson, and Matthew

mike rota - December 05, 2013 at 03:56 PM



“ *I was just a kid when I first met Mrs. Wald. My mother and my grandmother were her housekeepers, and when I was 16 she hired me on as extra help. I believe she was 85 at the time. I'll always remember her for her kindness, her blue & green eyeshadow, and just being able to laugh at everyday stuff...and introducing her to "Carnie Adovada" burritos from Golden Pride.*



Thank you Mrs. Wald.

Melanie - December 02, 2013 at 12:23 PM

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“ I had the honor of serving on the Viles board with Eleanor for several years and my favorite memory will always be of her addressing the students at our Spring banquet and advising them to further their education by saying "Go and do it". i kept that saying on my desk and try to live by that every day. Eleanor i will miss you, you are forever in my heart.



Oneida

Oneida L'Esperance - December 01, 2013 at 09:39 PM

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“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations - November 29, 2013 at 01:50 PM