

Cornelia W. Friedman

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HANOVER, VA. - Cornelia 'Neela' Wellman Friedman, 79, a Newport News resident for 41 years, passed away on Friday, March 28, 2008 at Memorial Regional Medical Center. She was born in Danville, Va., on May 15, 1928 to John Wesley Wellman Sr. and Ola Denny Wellman and was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, John W. Wellman Jr. and William M. Wellman.

Neela graduated from George Washington High School, Stratford College in Danville and Richmond Professional Institute. While living in Richmond, she met her future husband, Roland, whom she married in 1955. They later moved to Williamsburg, where their sons were born, and then to Newport News in 1967. She had a rewarding career as an elementary school teacher with the Newport News Public Schools for many years.

Neela is survived by her beloved husband, Roland; two sons, Dr. Roland Morris Friedman and his wife, Colleen Bohan Friedman of Winston-Salem, N.C., and John Elliott Friedman and his wife, Mary Reed Friedman of Ashland, Va.; four grandchildren, Virginia Nolan Friedman and Margaret Morris Friedman of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Abigail Charlotte Friedman and Dylan Eastwood Friedman of Ashland, Va.; her brother,

Joseph Wellman and his wife, Alma of Bellevue, Neb.; three sisters, Mary Wellman of Danville, Va., Marjorie Winstead of Rougemont, N.C., and Ola Robertson of Apex, N.C.; her sister-in-law, Mary Joe Wellman of Williamsport, Md.; along with many loving nieces, nephews and cousins. Neela's greatest joy in life was her family, especially her grandchildren and her extended family at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, where she served on the altar guild and the prayer chain. She was also a longtime volunteer at the Peninsula Fine Arts Center and was a member of the Woman's Club of Hilton Village.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 45 Main Street, Newport News, VA 23601.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

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We were very sad to hear of Neela's passing. We have known both Neela and Roland for many years, and saw them at a function in November. Our sympathy to Roland and your entire family.

Gina and Alan Niedenberger

April 3, 2008

I was so sad to learn of Neela's passing. I have always enjoyed her wit and

joy of life. It was a pleasure to volunteer with her and Roland at The Peninsula Fine Arts Center. She will indeed be sadly missed. My prayers go out to Roland and his family. I will always think of Neela with a warm smile in my heart.

Tina D. McManus

April 1, 2008

May the peace of Christ bring you peace and comfort at this time.

Ken Eller

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