

# **HILDA (ECCLES) BOULD**

December 18, 1925 - October 22, 2024



Born in Wigan, Lancashire, England, one of seven children of John Jackson Eccles and Mary Margaret Flannery. Hilda passed away one month shy of her 99th birthday.

Her husband of 70 years, Fred Bould, died in 2019.

Hilda was a beloved mother to seven children: Shelley Bould Campbell (Douglas); Catherine O. Bould (the late Charles McDonough); Vivienne E.

Radigan (Robert); John F. Bould (Ling); Patrick W. Bould (Linda); the late Roger Bould; and Fred Bould (Sushma). She is also survived by former daughters-in-law Jennifer Bould and Lisa Bould.

Hilda was a loving Nana to sixteen grandchildren that she was always happy to see: Meg, Owen, and the late Andrew Campbell; Elizabeth, Julianne and Paul McDonough; Sean (Shane) and Caitlin Radigan; Evan, Claire, and Shanglin Jin Bould; Rachel, Harrison and Jackson Bould; Mitchell and Greta Bould; and Alex Bould. The grandchildren spent many happy vacations at Nana and Da's house near the beaches of Sanibel Island.

In her last years Hilda was lovingly cared for by Assoumta Allaindanguet, known as Susie.

She is also survived by her brother Frank Eccles (Rosemary) of Standish, Lancashire, England and many nieces and nephews in England.

Hilda emigrated to the United States in 1957 with her husband Fred, a mechanical and electrical engineer, and her first four children. They lived in Detroit, MI, Cleveland Heights, OH, and in Edgewood, Pittsburgh, PA before retiring to Sanibel Island in 1988. She lived on Sanibel Island near two of her daughters, enjoying many family dinners and celebrating holidays together, until 2022 when Hurricane Ian made her house unlivable.

Hilda was insightful with a great sense of humor. She was a homemaker for most of her life. During WWII, she served as a telephonist at the phone exchange. In her later years, she volunteered at the Sanibel Library and was a founding member of The Shell Island Garden Club. An avid mystery reader, she had the best vocabulary of anyone we knew. She made an excellent Yorkshire pudding and her pastry, particularly her shortbreads, scones, and mince pies, were eagerly anticipated in the neighborhood during the holiday season. She will be remembered for her joyful laugh and her kind, loving spirit.

Friends received Friday, November 8, 2024, from 6-8 p.m. at the **THOMAS L. NIED FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 7441 Washington Street Swissvale. where everyone will meet on Saturday morning at 9 am to process to the Homewood cemetery. [www.niedfuneralhome.com](http://www.niedfuneralhome.com)

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