

MCCAULEY, Jeanette Gilliam McCauley

(Abstracted from one of Elmer's Genealogy friends, Linda McCauley, Jeanette was her aunt)

Jeanette Gilliam McCauley, age 95, of Lexington, KY, passed away on September 2, 2014, in the Hospice Unit of St. Joseph's Hospital surrounded by her loving family, just 13 days shy of her 96th birthday. She was born on Sunday, September 15, 1918, at the home of her parents, the late Bruner and Leona Johnson Gilliam, in Cumberland, KY. Jeanette married Joseph Lee McCauley of Greenville, KY, whom she met in 1936, while attending Union College in Barbourville, KY, where she majored in Business. Joe and Jeanette were married for 47 years until his death in 1985. Five children were born to this union: Dr. Joseph Lee McCauley, Jr. (Cornelia Kuffner), of Houston, TX and Erwald, Austria; Jeanette (Steve) Cawood of Pineville, KY; Mary Kathryn "Kaye" McCauley, Lexington, KY; William Bruner (Kelly) McCauley, of Knoxville, TN; and John Warren (Rebecca) McCauley, of Lexington, KY, with whom she lived for two and a half years. In addition to her husband and parents, her brothers, Warren Gilliam, of Killeen, TX and Paul Gilliam, of Chicago, IL, predeceased her as well as her oldest grandchild, Christina Slusher McCauley, of Houston, TX. Jeanette is survived by 12 grandchildren who lovingly called her "MuMu": Elizabeth Cawood (Bill) Overman, of Lexington, KY; Eleanor Elizabeth McCauley, of Mill Valley, CA; Katherine Olivia McCauley, of Houston, TX; Melissa Cline Givens, of Dunedin, FL; Mandy Cawood (JD) Hickey, of Lookout Mt, TN; Becky Cline (Adam) Ascione, of Brooklyn, NY; Elizabeth Cline (Andrew) Sweeney, of NYC; Mari Anjeanette McCauley Vargus, of Houston, TX; Joseph McCauley, of Knoxville, TN; Rachel McCauley, of Knoxville, TN; Hans Kuffner-McCauley, of Vienna, Austria; Finn Kuffner-McCauley, of Houston, TX; 16 great-grandchildren: Josson Belluschi, of Mill Valley, CA, Charlie and Caroline Cawood Overman, of Lexington; Will McCauley, Justin Marcus, Kayleigh Wallace, and Charlie Vargus, of Houston, TX; Rhiannon and Ryder Sweeney, of NYC; Henry and James Cawood Hickey, of Lookout Mt., TN; and Dominic Ascione, of Brooklyn, NY; her beloved sisters-in-law: Doris Gilliam, of Killeen, TX; Mary Gilliam, of Chicago, IL; Jimmie McCauley Knight, of Greenville, KY; Faye McCauley, of Mt. Vernon, KY and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Special nieces: Shirley Gilliam Buckley, Susie Gilliam Sommerfield, and Linda McCauley with whom she shared a love of genealogy. Jeanette and Joe moved to Middlesboro in 1947, following Joe's service in the US Navy during World War II. They were business owners and worked side by side. Jeanette was active in Beta Sigma Phi sorority where she served in several capacities, including President. She also chaired the American Heart Association annual fund drive in Middlesboro and due to her outstanding results was named to the Kentucky Board of the American Heart Association, later serving as a delegate to the National Board in NYC. Jeanette was an active member of the community enjoying golf, canasta parties and her church, Trinity United Methodist. Swimming, water skiing and boating on Norris Lake, TN, where she made the best tuna salad sandwiches ever were some of the happiest years of her life. Upon leaving Middlesboro in 1966 to move to Pikeville, KY. Jeanette became a bookkeeper at the Pikeville United Methodist Hospital. From this position, she served as City Treasurer and Tax Administrator in the City of Prestonsburg. She was honored for her excellence in these roles. Her membership in the Business and Professional Women's Club led to her service as President. She believed in the role of women in the workplace and was proud to have been named for Jeannette Rankin of Minnesota who became the first Congress woman in the United States. When Jeanette moved to Frankfort in 1992 at age 74 to be closer to family, she joined the First United Methodist Church where she was an active member of the Seniors' group and volunteered in the Soup Kitchen weekly. She especially enjoyed the trips with the seniors and playing board games. Spending time with John and Becky during her years in Frankfort as well as accompanying them on travels were among her great joys. Morning Pointe East in Lexington became Jeanette's home for her last year, and she made it a memorable one. Being the first resident delighted her and she enjoyed giving tours of the facility as well as working with her sweet friend, Sarah Rowe, to found the Residents organization and the Walking Club. Her teapot collection was enjoyed by many who visited her bright room. A special joy was watching the birds outside her courtyard window that came to the bird feeder provided by her grandsons, Hans and Finn. The goldfinches that perched there recently were a great delight to her. She made many dear friends at Morning Pointe including Sue Cox, Laura Hamilton and Ruth Keller. Her special caregivers were Shea, Kayla, Jessica, Teresa and Whitney. For her grandchildren and older great-grandchildren, going to MuMu's house meant the world's best chicken and dumplings,, banana pudding and her delicious peach cobbler all engulfed in a cozy sea of pink, her favorite color. Many of them played their first board games with MuMu where they learned firsthand about her competitive spirit. Since 1985, Jeanette's favorite vacation spot was Pawleys Island, SC where she bounded out of the bed early each morning to find the prettiest shells on the beach. Kelly enjoyed walking on the beach with her searching for the largest shark tooth. Her green thumb was evident in her yard that she transformed into a lovely garden, a hobby she shared with Cornelia. Mother passed on her skill at quilting that she had learned from her Mother to her daughter Kaye and her daughters, a legacy for generations to come. Joe remarked that "Mother knew how to remain calm and serene despite the circumstances, an example for all of us." She loved visits from Bill who made her laugh and enjoy life. He was always her "happy place". Jeanette was a beautiful, intelligent woman with bright aqua blue eyes, an avid reader and a student of KY history. An extraordinary task she undertook after retirement and well into her later years was the compilation and writing of the history of her Gilliam pioneer heritage. She spent countless hours researching her family at the KY History Museum in Frankfort and was proud of the leaf she sponsored on the genealogy tree in the foyer of the museum in honor of her ancestors. She presented her research at a seminar at the Benham, KY, Coal Mining Museum. When staying in Pineville with Sissy and Steve, bird watching from their porch and discussing Kentucky Appalachian history and literature were her favorite activities as well as returning to her beloved Appalachian mountains. As a child, she hiked to the top of Black

Mounta with her father and brothers and recounted that looking into Virginia from the top of "Big Black" with its fog-laced valleys was one of the most beautiful sights she had ever seen. Her family will remember her love of reading, her enjoyment of travel, her wickedly competitive board games (that she often won much to her delight), her compassion for others and a lifelong love of learning. The family of Jeanette Gilliam McCauley honor their beloved Mother's incredible life and her indomitable spirit that spanned nearly a century and lives on in their hearts. Clark Legacy Center, Brannon Crossing is handling the arrangements. Funeral service will be Friday, September 5, 2014 at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Lexington, Kentucky. Burial will follow at John Gilliam Cemetery in Cumberland, Kentucky. In honor of Jeanette's life and legacy donations can be made to Hospice of the Bluegrass.

MCCORMICK, Jayne Marie McCormick

(Abstracted from information received from Dear Myrt, one of Elmer's Genealogy friends)

Jayne Marie McCormick, age 73, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 2, 2013 at her residence in Newark, DE. She was born February 23, 1940 in West Chester, PA to the late John and Marie (Ryan) Miles. Jayne worked in her early years but was a homemaker most of her life being the best wife and mother possible. She had a hobby of creating miniatures, which is building small, scale recreations of houses, rooms and items, and showed her creations at the annual Philadelphia Flower show. Jayne was a member of the Fort Delaware Society and was a member of the Board of Directors. She also maintained an interest in the study of genealogy. She is survived by her sons, Rich Shafer of Newark, DE, and Joseph (Pauline) Shafer of Smyrna, DE; grandchildren, Joseph, Jordan, James and Joe; and her dog, Jack. A memorial service was held Saturday, December 7, 2013, at R.T. Foard & Jones F.H., Inc., 122 W. Main St., Newark, DE 19711. In lieu of flowers, contribution checks can be made to "Fort Delaware Society" in Jayne's honor and sent c/o the funeral home.

MCGRATH, Luta Mae Cornelius McGrath

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/washingtonpost/obituary.aspx?pid=179680191>)

Luta Mae (Cornelius) McGrath, U.S. Army Retired, devoted wife, friend and patriot, 108 years old, died peacefully at her home in Annandale, VA, on Thursday, April 14, 2016. Mrs. McGrath is survived by nephew, Eddie Gene Morgan; a step-son, Thomas McGrath, Jr.; numerous great nephews and nieces. Born in Beattyville, KY on November 21, 1907, Mrs. McGrath was the daughter of Barney Cornelius and Nanny Tincher. She remained in Beattyville for most of her childhood and attended schools in Ohio. In January 1943 she enlisted in the newly organized U.S. Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. With training and assignments at Fort Oglethorpe, GA, Fort Devens, MA, and U.S. Army Red River Ordnance Depot, Texarkana, TX. During one of her early military assignments, her peers conferred on her the nickname of "Cornie" to which she embraced for the rest of her life. Recognized for her unique leadership abilities she attended WAAC Officer Candidate School. Following course completion she was commissioned into the Women's Army Corps in October, 1943. Serving in various stateside assignments including WAAC Company Cadre, Assistant Adjutant and Special Assignments Staff Officer; she was later transferred to post-war occupation duty at the Griesheim Ordnance Depot, West Germany. When the Berlin Airlift began, Cornie was transferred to West Berlin where she is credited with planning and organizing the storage, handling, and airlift of ammunition into West Berlin, where it was stockpiled. On return to the U.S., she served as staff Secretary, at the Army Ordnance Corps School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, MD. While at Aberdeen she married Army Ordnance Corps officer, Thomas J. McGrath. Cornie devoted her life to service of her country and the community that she loved. She cherished and devoted her life to service to others and the ideals for which America stood for. A consummate supporter of our military and their families, she was extremely proud of the military and veteran's service provided by her late husband, friends and members of the community. Cornie's active retirement included working at the Women in Community Service (WICS) project, an outreach effort of developing job training and economic opportunities to assist at-risk women. In the Army Ordnance community, Cornie became known as "The First Lady of Ordnance", appreciated most for her dedicated support of the Ordnance Corps Ladies Association. She served on the Executive Board from 1967 to 1968 and again from 1978 to 1979. She and Tom maintained close relationships in the community, at Queen of Apostles Church, and military retiree circles. Cornie's accolades include being the first woman to be inducted into the Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame in 1985. At time of her death LTC McGrath was the oldest surviving female veteran; and oldest surviving female Army Officer. In her later years, Cornie remained actively engaged and was often a featured speaker and an honored guest at veterans gatherings (Memorial Day and Veterans Day at Arlington National Cemetery), various times at the National World War II Memorial and at the Women in Military Service For America Memorial, recognized by both President and Mrs. Obama at veterans gatherings. Demaine Funeral Home, 5308 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA was entrusted with the arrangements. There will be a recitation of the Catholic Rosary following the viewing. As a member of Queen of Apostles Roman Catholic Church in Alexandria; a funeral mass of catholic burial, will be Friday, April 22, 2016 at Queen of the Apostles Church, located at 4329 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA. Gravesite and memorial services, with full military honors, will be held at Arlington National Cemetery, at a future date to be announced. LTC McGrath will be laid to rest next to her husband Colonel Thomas McGrath. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Women in Military Services for America Memorial, Dept. 560, Washington, DC 20042-0560, www.womansmemorial.org.

MCILWAIN, BRUCE D. McILWAIN

(Abstracted from the St Petersburg Times. His daughter Tracey worked for Elmer when Elmer owned Seko Air Freight)

McILWAIN, BRUCE D., age 52, of Tampa, died Wednesday (Oct. 19, 1988) at Carrollwood Community Hospital. He was born in New York City and came here 10 years ago. He was a retired Air Force major and a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an Episcopalian. Survivors include his wife, Audrey; a son, David A., Tampa; and two daughters, Sandra McIlwain and Tracey Jacques, both of Tampa. F.T. Blount Funeral Home, Nebraska Chapel, Tampa.