



## Gladys Marie Caldwell

July 25, 1917 - April 16, 2020

Magnolia, Delaware- Gladys Marie Caldwell, age 102, of Magnolia passed away on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at the home she shares with her son Jim in the Champion's Club, over 55 Community in Magnolia, Delaware. Born in Camden, N.J. on July 25, 1917, she was the second child of William George and Marie H. Groves.

Gladys attended and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Camden, N.J. and then worked for Hunt Pen Company as a secretary where she met her husband Thorpe F Caldwell. They were married in January 1942 prior to his deployment in World War II. While he served in the Army, she lived with her parents and traveled daily with her father to the Ford Motor Company in Chester, PA to do her part as a "Rosie the Riveter". After the war, she and her husband moved to Delmar, Md to take over operation and then ownership of what became known as Caldwell's Market. During the next thirty-five years, their market was well known for their fresh cut meats and seafood, including her handmade crab crabs. She was a longtime member of St. Stephen's United Methodist in Delmar, a lifetime member of the Delmar VFW Post 8276 Ladies Auxiliary, and a member of the MAC Club of Delmar. Since moving to Magnolia, she has been a member of the People's Church of Dover -UCC.

Following, their retirement from their business, her and her husband and son Thorpie spent many years as snowbirds in Winter Haven, Florida where she enjoyed her time swimming and other community activities, playing cards and games with friends and participating in several bowling leagues. Bowling had been a lifelong passion that she had enjoyed from her teen years until she was 90. She believed that being active kept her fit and young at heart, whether it was being part of a roller skating club as a young adult, swimming, bowling or having her first motorcycle ride arranged by her friends at Champion Club at the age of 94 she was always ready for a new challenge.

She is survived by her son, Reverend James M. Caldwell; her daughter Carol M. Caldwell Amoia and her husband, Anthony of Grasonville, Md; two grandsons, Michael F. Amoia (wife, Jessica) of Phoenix, Az, and Christopher A. Amoia (wife, Crystal); three great-granddaughters- Ashley M. Amoia, Karli C. Amoia, and Megan E. Amoia and four step great-grandchildren – Ian Mamone, Mekayla Clegg, Trevor Ormsby and Olivia Ormsby as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition, to her parents, she was preceded in death, by her husband of 63 years, Thorpe Caldwell; her son, Thorpie and her siblings -George W. Groves, Sr., Mazie Joy Boyd, and Beatrice Groves, as well as, a nephew George W. Groves, Jr.

In response to the restrictions of the Covid19 pandemic and family member health issues, a memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Internment at Spring Hill Memory Gardens, near Hebron, will be coordinated by Short Funeral Home in Delmar, Delaware, A special thanks to Seasons Hospice for the wonderful care and support they have provided to our family and mother over the last year. Memorial donations may be made in her memory to the VFW Post 8276 or the VFW Post 8276 Ladies Auxiliary in Delmar, Maryland or to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.shortfh.com](http://www.shortfh.com).

# Comments

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“ Jim, I'm very sorry to read about the loss of your mother. You were fortunate to have had her for 102 years and that's a wonderful testimony to your loving care and commitment. My sympathies to you and your family...Kay Buck Revels

**Kay R Revels** - April 21, 2020 at 01:02 PM

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“ Carol, so sorry to read about ur mom. Have good memories when ur parents allowed me to visit u while in school. Had to chuckle at age 94 she went motor cycle riding—good for her!! She had an amazing full life. Please give my sympathy to ur family and Father Jim. In deepest sympathy, Bev. Pringle Smoot

**bev pringle smoot** - April 19, 2020 at 01:36 PM