



## Laretta Keener Warlick

June 8, 1921 - May 25, 2019

Laretta Keener Warlick was born on June 8, 1921 in Knoxville, TN, daughter of Samuel Harvey and Laretta Callahan Keener. She graduated from Georgetown Visitation and the University of Tennessee and worked for Pennsylvania Central Airlines where she met and married the late Bill Warlick, on January 4, 1946. They moved to Asheville, NC in 1948.

She is survived by her children, M.E. Warlick, Mollie Warlick, and William L. Warlick, Jr. of Asheville, NC, daughter Laurie and her husband Doug McSpadden of Belmont, NC and son Robert Warlick of Landrum, SC, and her grandchildren Jennifer Thurston of Paradox, CO, Mario Smith and his wife Sophie of Pearland, TX, Callahan Warlick of San Diego, CA, Harrison McSpadden of Greenville, SC and Connor McSpadden of Norfolk, VA. Her great-grandchildren are Victoria, Andrew and Mario Smith, III. She is also survived by her sister, Laura Keener Kreis and her brother, Samuel Harvey Keener III, both of Tennessee.

Laretta taught at Little Beaver, St. Genevieve's, St. Joan of Arc, and Gibbons Hall. She and Bill owned and operated Beacon Travel Service for seventeen years. She was an avid reader and loved exploring the world, traveling throughout the United States, Canada, China, Australia, New Zealand, and Europe, especially Italy and France, and her favorite city of Paris. She was a founding member of The Gardenieres, former member of the Junior League of

Asheville, and a member of the Asheville Country Club.

A memorial mass will be celebrated at 11:00am on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at St. Eugene's Catholic Church with Rev. Patrick Cahill officiating. Interment will follow immediately at Lewis Memorial Park. She had been a member of the church since its opening and had also served on the Women's Altar Guild. In lieu of flowers, donations could be sent to Hospice, or to a charity of your choice.

She wanted everyone to know it was a joyful life.

# Cemetery Details

## Lewis Memorial Park

415 Beaverdam Road  
Asheville, NC 28804

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Eugene Catholic Church  
72 Culvern Street  
Asheville, NC 28801  
<http://www.steugene.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lauretta Keener Warlick*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying for comfort and peace in the days ahead. Love, Joe & Denise*

**Joseph W Deahl** - May 30, 2019 at 11:37 AM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Lauretta Keener Warlick.*



May 28, 2019 at 12:36 PM



“ *My sincerest condolences for your loss. To lose a loved one to death can be one of the greatest pain we can experience but we can find comfort in the Bibles promise that soon we will be reunited with our loved ones again. John5:28,29*

**Crystal** - May 27, 2019 at 08:54 AM

GM

“ Our condolences to all the Warlick clan. She always made me feel at home at Whippoorwill Hill !! I would have loved to see Robert, Mollie, Jennifer, Laurie and my good friend Billy, but will be unable to attend. Rest in peace, Laretta ! You lived a great, full life, and will be missed. Gil and Carol Michael

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**Gil and Carol Michael** - May 26, 2019 at 11:37 AM

MW

*Thank you Gil. Please come visit when you can.*

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**mollie warlick** - May 29, 2019 at 12:56 PM

BB

*I just learned of Laretta's death. She was our next door neighbor when we lived on Stuart Circle for five years. Laretta was a classy, Southern woman, who exuded charm and intelligence. I always enjoyed speaking with her. She led a long and accomplished life. As a Catholic believer, she has returned to the arms of her Savior. We send condolences to her family who will miss her greatly. May you be comforted in these sad months ahead of you.*

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**Barb Hall & Leland Berkwits** - June 03, 2019 at 08:57 PM