



Eleanore P. Flom

June 11, 1923 - May 8, 2026

Eleanore P. Flom died in Newtown Square, PA, on May 8, 2026, of natural causes. Eleanore was born in 1923 in the Bronx, New York, the daughter of German immigrants. Eleanore Flom, MS, RN, CRNP, was a beloved mother, dedicated nurse, World War II Veteran, and passionate community volunteer/activist.

As a child, Eleanore explored the streets of New York City and the Hudson River Palisades with her brothers Fred and Harold. At age seven, she crossed the Atlantic by herself to spend several summer months with relatives in Germany, returning home fluent in German.

Eleanore continued her quest for adventure by joining the Army during World War II, after graduating from Walton High School (NYC) and Lenox Hill Hospital's nursing school. She served in Hawaii, Okinawa, and Occupied Japan. Her memoir, *Eye of the Storm*, details her military service from basic training through nursing in postwar devastation. Upon completing her service, Eleanore used her GI benefits to graduate from Columbia University with a BS in Nursing.

Eleanore met Capt. Floyd Flom (US Army) overseas, married him after the war, and continued her nursing career at the Veteran's Hospital in Minneapolis. The family, which now included four children, moved to

Pennsylvania, where she worked as a floor nurse and clinical nursing instructor at Bryn Mawr Hospital. Eleanore and Floyd later divorced. She advanced her career as a school nurse and nurse practitioner at Lower Merion School District.

Along with raising four children and working, Eleanore volunteered tirelessly in the community. She served on her church council at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ardmore, taught Christian Education classes to adults and children, and assisted with church blood drives and blood pressure checks. She held leadership roles in professional nursing and education organizations. She camped with her daughters as a Girl Scout volunteer and led several troops through their First Aid badgework. She volunteered for the Red Cross and Heart Association. An engaged citizen, she joined League of Women Voters, contacted her political representatives often, and campaigned for some. She bravely demonstrated her convictions as a peacemaker, one of tens of thousands of antinuclear protesters who wrapped an 18-mile-long ribbon ("The Peace Ribbon Project") around the Pentagon.

Eleanore also found time to travel around the world, sew creatively, and study subjects ranging from upholstery to computer technology. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, taking them to museums, plays, and concerts in the Philadelphia area. She traveled around the country to visit her children and grandchildren, and even returned to Germany in her 90's. She enjoyed her final quarter-century at Dunwoody Village, grateful for its many activities and kind, attentive staff.

Eleanore is survived by four children: Steve (Sally Mai), Barb (Gene Ruenger), Kate (Malcolm Reid, dec.), and Jim (Szabina Vegvari). She is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and their extended families.

Funeral with full military honors will be at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Friday, May 29, at 1:30 pm, with interment and reception immediately following.

Donations in her name may be made to either of her chosen charitable organizations, American Red Cross or Planned Parenthood Federation, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Upcoming Events

Funeral Service

MAY 29. 1:30 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
415 East Athens Avenue
Ardmore, PA