



## Mrs. Elfriede Kempf Cook

October 8, 1927 - March 18, 2018

Elfriede Kempf Cook died on March 18, 2018. She was born in Mannheim, Germany on Oct. 8, 1927. After her mother's death, she was lovingly raised in Germany, by her grandmother, Margaretha Garrecht. Elfriede met John William (John Bill) Cook, an American soldier, at the end of World War II and they fell in love. They married in Germany and John Bill brought his bride to America. Elfriede loved her new country and became an American citizen a few years later. Elfriede and John Bill had one child, Margaretha, who was named after Elfriede's grandmother. Elfriede brought her grandmother to the United States in 1951 to live with them. Mrs. Garrecht died in 1976.

Margaretha and her husband, Rich Martin, live in Fredericksburg, VA. Elfriede and John Bill's grandchildren are: Katrina Martin of Alexandria, VA; and John Martin and his wife Angelyn Pearson of Richmond, VA. Elfriede's beloved husband of more than 66 years, John Bill, died on Feb. 7, 2015.

The family thanks the wonderful staff at Brookdale Senior Living in Carrollton for their loving care over the past few years. Thanks also to Halcyon Hospice and Heaven Sent Helpers. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Bowdon First United Methodist Church, 302 Wedowee St., P.O. Box 187, Bowdon, GA 30108.

The family will receive friends at Rainwater Funeral Home from 4:00 till 6:00 PM on Tuesday, March 27, 2018. Interment will be private. Online

condolences can be made at [rainwaterfuneralhome.com](http://rainwaterfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 27. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Rainwater Funeral Home  
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Bowdon, GA 30108  
(770) 258-7239  
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# Tribute Wall

LT

“ From my first day working at Brookdale, Mrs. Elfriede was my friend. She was the sweetest little lady I've ever met. She was the first face I saw every day, always smiling and asking how I was doing. She even taught me to speak a little German. My favorite memory of her was when she brought me back to her apartment and showed me pictures of her hometown and her husband, and told me stories of her life and how much she loved him. It always made her so happy, and you could see the love in her heart through her eyes. I am so sorry to the family and to the world for the loss of this sweetest of little ladies. She will be in my heart forever.



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**Lori Thomas** - April 03, 2018 at 02:04 PM

MS

“ I am so sorry to hear the sad news of Elfriede passing, now reunited with her beloved John Bill. Sincere wishes of sympathy and condolences, I will always remember their kindness during visits to Georgia and Destin...

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**Michael Stark** - March 28, 2018 at 02:25 PM

SC

“ I miss you so much mamma. I've only known you since the 7th but even though you were in a lot of pain due to your fall you still greeted me with kindness and love. The one memory I have in mind was when you asked me to lay down with you and I said I'm too big to lay next to you and you actually scooted over to make room for me and I laid next to you. We even took a picture together. I will cherish it forever. You asked me on the 12th would I be with you when you die and jokingly I said can we make an appt. 😂 God and I granted you that wish by being with you when you took your last breath. I love you and miss you so much. Now dance forever with your husband in heaven 🥰



Sharonda Cooper - March 28, 2018 at 01:38 PM

MA

Thank you so much, Sharonda! I'm so glad that you were there for my Mom! 💕💕

Margaret - March 30, 2018 at 10:34 AM

KW

“ Kathy Holland Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elfriede Kempf Cook



Kathy Holland Williams - March 21, 2018 at 01:36 PM

Cindy Hyatt

“ *Cindy Hyatt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elfriede Kempf Cook*



Cindy Hyatt - March 21, 2018 at 01:30 PM

Cindy Hyatt

*So sorry to hear about your loss. Mr. and Mrs. Cook were very special to me. May God give you comfort during this time.*

Cindy Hyatt - March 21, 2018 at 01:32 PM

MM

*Thank you!*

margaret martin - March 22, 2018 at 08:52 AM

SG

“ *Susan McCaghren Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elfriede Kempf Cook*



Susan McCaghren Gibbs - March 20, 2018 at 03:17 PM

DM

“ *Debra And Howard Morris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elfriede Kempf Cook*



Debra and Howard Morris - March 20, 2018 at 09:58 AM

KM

“ *Kathy Meigs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elfriede Kempf Cook*



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**Kathy Meigs** - March 20, 2018 at 08:10 AM

EP

“ *Edith Powers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elfriede Kempf Cook*



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**Edith Powers** - March 20, 2018 at 08:02 AM

JF

“ *Dear Margaret and Rich,  
Don and I are sorry for your loss. I fondly recall the loving stories  
you told about your parents.  
With love,  
Jennifer Follis*

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**Jennifer Follis** - March 19, 2018 at 08:17 PM

NB

*Margaret, sorry to read about your mother but enjoy hearing about her  
interesting life. Blessings, Nancy Bell  
Miss your smiling face.*

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**Nancy Bell** - March 20, 2018 at 03:32 PM

MM

*Thanks, Nancy. I miss you, too!*

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**margaret martin** - March 22, 2018 at 08:51 AM



*Thanks, Jennifer!*

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**margaret martin** - March 22, 2018 at 08:51 AM