



Willene Brown

May 29, 1932 - April 17, 2024

Willene (nee Edwards) Brown, 91, passed away on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at JourneyCare in Barrington, IL. She was born on May 29, 1932 in Butte, MT and spent most of her younger years in Plainfield, NJ. Willene attended Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA where she met her husband, Edward "Ted" Brown. They lived most of their married life in Creve Coeur, MO; Willene served many years of volunteerism for various charities, being recognized by the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program for her dedicated work. Willene was a devoted member of St. Paul Evangelical Free Church in St. Louis, MO and CrossLife Evangelical Free Church in Libertyville, IL. Surviving are her 2 children, Donna Shallenberg and Edward "Ted" Brown, III; 3 grandchildren, Liana Shallenberg, Michael (Allison) Shallenberg and Kendra Shallenberg and by her 3 great grandchildren, Cameron, LaKeith & Atlis. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward "Ted" Brown, Jr. A memorial service and interment will be at St. Paul Evangelical Church & Cemetery, 9801 Olive Blvd., St. Louis, MO. Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program in St. Louis, MO, www.ltcop-stl.org. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

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“ Willene Brown was a most dedicated volunteer for LTCOP. I feel so honored to have worked with her in a variety of roles for that program-she was a friend and problem solver for the residents of the facilities she visited, an organizer for fundraisers, a friend to me. She was honest and direct and had a light sense of humor. When we were meeting to plan a function for the Ombudsman Program, I began to rattle off all the items we (she) had on her to-do list. She said "Jane, I'm jumping as fast as I can." We all laughed and I apologized because she did it all, as fast as she could. My final memory of her involved her directness and appreciation. She sent me a holiday greeting saying this would be her last since she had macular degeneration and wanted to save her eyesight and thanked me for the years of connection. She left an indelible mark on my life...volunteerism and friendship at its best.

Jane Leonardelli - August 25, 2024 at 11:07 AM