



## Forest C. Culbertson

November 1, 1922 - March 11, 2020

Forest Cook was born on November 1, 1922, in Brookville, Pennsylvania, to Ruth Caroline Evangeline Baker, age 23, and Thomas Burnside Cook Jr., age 25, of Cooksburg, Cook Forest State Park, PA. She grew up there with a little dog named Poodle, once had a pet opossum, and helped to raise five baby red foxes.

After attending Case Western Reserve and Cleveland School of Art, Forest Cook married Robert Daniel Culbertson in Clarion, Pennsylvania on July 24, 1943. They celebrated 66 years of marriage before his passing in 2010. She is survived by her three children: Robert Daniel Culbertson Jr. (Robin, and granddaughter Cadence, of California), Edward Thomas Culbertson (Kelly of Cooksburg, PA, and Katy Ingrande of St. Petersburg, FL, with husband Nicholas and son Everett), and Susan Louise Culbertson of St. Petersburg, FL.

Forest lamented that she hadn't traveled more – but she, with Bob during WWII and later with family, made it to most of the 50 states. They made a two-week, slow-speed motorhome trek across beautiful Alaska, and enjoyed many continental adventures in a Ford van with regrettably bold upholstery and duct-tape accents. Forest loved first-floor hotel rooms, Yellowstone in winter, and some Sanka with her bear claws. She took joy in beautiful sunsets, full moons, and starry, starry nights. She loved to loathe, delighted in cardboard,

and once tried to blackmail the literal Easter bunny.

Forest was a wife, a mother, a grandmother, and a pilot with a weathered eye for weather. She was a rather good artist and architect. She will be remembered fondly for her fashion sense and her incomprehensible but eco-conscious filing system.

The Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion is handling the arrangements.

There will be no public visitation. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Interment will be held in the Cook Forest Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ It has been a pleasure knowing Mrs. Culbertson over the years and sharing memories of Cook Forest and Brookville. We were neighbors for forty years. Truly an amazing woman.

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**J Stephen Reinsel** - August 10, 2020 at 06:35 AM

PW

“ Forest was my neighbor for the 16 years I lived in St. Petersburg. I would go visit her from time to time and loved hearing stories about her youth and later life. The last time I visited was June 25, the day I moved from St. Pete back to Cleveland, and I'm so glad I took the time to visit with her. My condolences to her family, most of whom I've never met but feel as if I know because of her caring talk of them.

*Blessings,  
Paula Wright*



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**Paula Wright** - April 25, 2020 at 06:52 PM

MB

“ I would like to extend my sincere sympathies in the loss of your mother, grandmother. Forest was a very special lady. My parents, Wallie and Norma Myers, were long time friends with Bob and Forest. I know how much they all meant to each other. I have many warm memories of visiting them in Florida and in Cooksburg. Loved the big “mansion”! My parents have been gone for 8 years now, dying only 5 months apart. The obituary said Kelly was in Cooksburg. Maybe we can see each other again some day. I wish I could tell you it gets easier after 8 years, but it doesn't really. The good is all the happy memories and love that was truly shared by all.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Myers Bartley

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**Marilyn Bartley** - April 08, 2020 at 09:36 AM