

# EILEEN YOUNG: A TRIBUTE

*By Joanne Katonak*

**From Joanne:** As you know, Eileen spent most of her career as an editor, so when Judy (Valentine) asked me to pay tribute to Eileen today, the first thing that came to mind were letters and words.



## EILEEN: E-I-L-E-E-N

**E – ENERGETIC!** Whether she was working on a project at home or for an organization or church, Eileen would go full speed ahead until each task was finished.

**I – INTELLIGENT!** Whenever Eileen wrote something for work, or for a project for some organization, or church, her sharp thinking skills surfaced.

**L – LOVING!** Eileen was especially devoted to her family. She took excellent care of her aging mother. Even as her mother turned 100, she still went to visit her almost daily. And she was always a part of the lives of her nieces and nephews.

**E – ENTHUSIASTIC** – Eileen was an enthusiastic traveler. She enjoyed going to new places and seeing new things, and meeting new people.

**E – EDITOR** – Her last job before she retired was as an editor for publications for federal programs within the State of Ohio. Her professionalism always produced excellent publications. One time I had a grant to write for work. When I got it written, I took it to Eileen for editing before I submitted it. She changed a word or a phrase there and added some thoughts of her own to make the document better. I sat there listening to her and thought to myself, “Now why didn’t I think of that?”

**N – NEIGHBOR**- Whether on Hampshire Road, or at the condo in Columbus, or her home in Florida, Eileen was always sociable and willing to give a hand to a neighbor when needed.

## **YOUNG: Y-O-U-N-G**

**Y – YEOMAN DOG LOVER** - As long as I can remember, Judy and Eileen had dogs. Big dogs, little dogs, sleepy dogs, active yappy dogs; Penny and Patchie being the last. Eileen loved them all.

**O – OUTSTANDING FRIEND** – If you needed anything, Eileen was there to help ... for Judy, for Sharon, for fellow church members, or as a support for people who belonged to the same organizations that she did.

**U – UNINHIBITED BOCCE BALL PLAYER** – Since Eileen’s activity of playing bocce ball was something she did in Florida, I never got to see her play. But knowing Eileen, I am sure that she was no “wimpy” player.

**N – NEWSPAPER DEVOTEE** – Every morning with a cup of coffee, with cream, or in the bathroom, Eileen devoured the paper. Even after her stroke, she wanted to know what was in the paper. So friends and visitors read it to her. The last visit I made to see her, she asked me to hold the paper so that she could read it herself.

**G – GOD-FEARING CHRISTIAN** – Eileen loved her churches and the people in them – both her early membership at Good Shepherd, and later here at Faith. I am sure that when she gets to heaven, God will have a job for her, and she will get it done.

**Put all these letters and traits into one bundle and you come up with  
EILEEN YOUNG.**

**FAREWELL, EILEEN.**