

COMPLEX: A Poem for Eileen Young
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Family - A dad walking beside
the apple trees
A mom who lived 101 years.
Eileen seen in pictures
many, many pictures
Sitting, standing, touching
Doris
sister Doris
Some pictures show her with
Doris and two little
yes, two little siblings
John and Joanne twins
In later years
she surely enjoyed
nieces and nephews
great ones too
Eileen picked apples
in the orchard
But her expertise was
selling and selling and selling
these apples.
School was a big part
Really a big part of her life
Schools in Holmes County

Capital
Always, always loyal to Capital
Supporting basketball teams
Selling Cat s Meow pieces
Attending OSU
Go Bucks
Taught school
Fifth Grade
But teaching was
not in her future
Oh, no!
Editing won out.
Used at work
At home, too.
Eileen, please proofread this.

Eileen, how can I say that?
Eileen, spell for me. Spell for me.
Spell for ----

Church

Important to her
Lay Leader supreme

Travel

All over the world
When she came home
 from Greece
I heard her say
 I never
 never
 never
want to climb up to
see ruins ever again.

Winter

Time to go to the
 Florida condo
Gold medals
 Yes, gold medals
 for winning at
 shuffleboard and bocce
(Eileen, how do you spell bocce?)

With Judy

Raised many dogs
 BeBe Belle, Bonnie, Lassie
 Ebony, Ginger, Penny
 Apache and are you ready for
 this? Chitty Chitty Bark Bark.

Eileen

After the stroke
 Still writing
 lists of rhyming words
 lists of words beginning
 with the same letter
Names of the 7 dwarfs

Dilemmas

Where are my glasses?
 Under the bed?

In the rehab room?
Still reading
 newspapers every day
 Magazines
I take magazines to friends
 Birds & Blooms
 Country
Well, Eileen liked
 yes, she liked there
BUT
when asked
 What did she choose?
 Time and *US News and World Report*
Teased her nurses and Judy, too
 Kicking off her shoe
 Just like she did at home
 Now, where did that shoe go?