

## Mrs. Mildred Amelia Ley Griffin

Mildred Amelia Ley Griffin, 102, died peacefully Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010, at Homewood at Crumland Farms, where she lived for the past 10 years. She was the wife of the late Gerard Owen Griffin of Springfield, Mass., for 39 years until his death in 1974.

She was born July 15, 1907, in Pittsburgh, the eldest of four children of the late Ferdinand Joseph Ley and Amelia Louise Henschel. She graduated from Allegheny High School, Perrysville, Pa., and attended business school. She was employed as an executive secretary for Gulf Oil Co. in Pittsburgh for eight years before marrying Gerard Griffin on Oct. 7, 1935. She was a homemaker and mother of five children, active in the Boy Scouts, Christian Mothers and a longtime member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Mount Lebanon, Pa., and later St. Thomas Moore in Bethel Park, Pa. She moved to Crestwood Village in Frederick in 1987, where she was active in the Catholic Daughters of America, the Frederick County Historical Society and St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.



She is survived by her four children, James Gerard Griffin and Ann Malone of Avon, Conn., Patricia Louise Rubey of Atlanta, John Burke Griffin and wife, Julia, of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Kathrine Griffin Moloney and husband, James, of Frederick; and daughter-in-law, Sylvia Griffin of Allison Park, Pa. In addition, she is survived by 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a son, David Ley Griffin; a granddaughter, Marya Elen Griffin; a son-in-law, Robert Grant Rubey; a sister, Alice Emma Boyd; and brothers, Paul Ferdinand and John Henschel Ley.

Mrs. Griffin had a long and remarkable life, spanning more than a century. She witnessed two world wars and changes she could never have imagined as a little girl. She was the first in her neighborhood to drive a car, and many years later watched men walk on the moon. More recently, she enjoyed watching her great-grandchildren take their first steps online. She was an active, caring woman who had broad interests including her family, her faith, worldwide travel, gardening, music, bridge, Scrabble, cribbage and crossword puzzles. In July 2007, she enjoyed a wonderful celebration of her 100th birthday with her beloved family.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at Keeney & Basford Funeral Home, 106 E. Church St., Frederick. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 116 E. Second St., Frederick. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in Pittsburgh at a future date.