

Tribute: Eileen Angland - 1923-2017

Eileen Angland (nee Fogerty) was born into a large family in 1923 in Canning Town, London, and her sisters & brother were very close.

Eileen had a great sense of humour and would talk for hours about the things she and her sisters used to get up to. When the war started Eileen joined up as an ARP warden even though she was only sixteen. She was a fire watch warden during the blitz and always wanted to be part of the team and offer help and support.

Eileen was a keen netball player and when she started work she played for the Lampson Paragon works team in her late teens and early twenties.

Growing up, the church played a big part in their social life as well as services on Sundays and Holy Days. It was at one of these social gatherings that she met her husband, Patrick, and after the war they married, moved to Rise Park in Romford and during this time their children, Terry, Pat, Janice and Debbie were born.

Eileen was a very sociable person, keen to get involved in the local Towns Women's Guild and contributing handicraft items to the sewing group at the school PSA and Scout Troop. There were many family gatherings for extended family; Christmas parties always included the Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and cousins, with Eileen and Patrick happily catering for everyone.

After Patrick retired, they made the move to Grundisburgh and what a happy move that turned out to be! The village welcomed them with open arms and they joined the Bowls Club, Gardening club and Historical society. The family gatherings continued and now included grandchildren and great grandchildren, who all enjoyed Christmas and summer barbeques together.

Eileen was keen on acting and for several years belonged to a drama group, who produced plays for the local Women's Institute and for groups visiting from nearby villages. She enjoyed painting and shared this pleasure with a small group of ladies from the village who would meet at each other's houses on a weekly basis.

Eileen made many great friends in Grundisburgh, Pat & Lol Gooding, Pat Ross, Sue Harvey, Gill Girling, Sam to name a few, as well as Keith the Gardener and the parishioners from St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church, Woodbridge, who visited, enabling her to continue her commitment to her faith.

In recent years the Grundisburgh Lunch Club have been an invaluable support, collecting Eileen each fortnight to have lunch in the parish rooms and taking her on outings at Christmas and in the summer.

With this network of helpers Eileen was able to stay in her bungalow and live a full and independent life.

Terry, Pat, Janice & Debbie