



## Yolanda Eileen Brower

July 13, 1925 - June 14, 2023

Yolanda “Yonnie” Brower died after a short illness on June 14, 2023 at Heron Point in Chestertown, Maryland. Yonnie was predeceased by her husband William (“Bill”) in 2007 at their Beverwyck apartment in Slingerlands, New York. Yonnie was mother to Patricia VanAntwerpen Birdsey (Rich), William Brower, and Leslie Brower (Bruce Wyngaard); grandmother to Yanni Papadopoulos (Trish), Julie VanAntwerpen Isbell (Nate), Matthew and Nina Brower-Wyngaard, and Ellie Brower; and great-grandmother of four.

Yonnie was born on July 13, 1925 to Doria and Nina (DeAngelo) Ebel in Brooklyn, New York. She completed secretarial school in Manhattan and was employed first by the J.Walter Thompson Company, where her duties included working on the new medium of daytime TV. Yonnie later worked for the New York State Dormitory Authority and the First Albany Company. Yonnie was recruited as executive secretary to leaders in New York state government, last serving in the Governor’s Office of the Budget and Office of Employee Relations.

After raising their children Yonnie and Bill restored an historic 1852 townhouse in Troy, New York and advocated for preservation of other historic homes in Troy. After retirement she and Bill followed their love of Lake George by

spending every summer at “Westview” on Cleverdale point, enjoying warm days on the dock with friends and family and sunset over the Adirondack Mountains. Yonnie was known and loved by family and friends for her deep kindness and compassion, gracious hospitality and warm sense of humor. No pushover, Yonnie spoke up for people in vulnerable situations and supported organizations serving them. She was most gratified to be an active volunteer for Family Planning Advocates of New York State, working to protect women’s health and reproductive rights.

A celebration of life will be held in Cleverdale during the summer of 2024.  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Yolanda Eileen Brower*

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**Anonymous** - September 14, 2023 at 10:47 AM

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“ *I can't put into words what an important role you played in my life, Gram. I will forever cherish those summer memories from Lake George. I'm so grateful you had the chance to meet both of my kids, and we will keep your memory alive through them!* \n-Julie

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**Julie Isbell** - September 14, 2023 at 10:46 AM

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“ *Dear Gram, thanks for all the lovely memories of times Yanni and Julie had with you and Pop at Lake George. Thanks for welcoming me so warmly to the family! We will miss you so much!*

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**Trish Papadopoulos** - September 13, 2023 at 09:05 PM

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services*

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Yolanda Eileen Brower** - June 21, 2023 at 09:43 AM