



Mrs. Florence Ellen Hambley Utley

March 15, 1921 - November 9, 2013

Florence Ellen Hambley Utley, passed away on November 9, 2013 at her residence. Florence was born in Chelsea, England on March 15, 1921 to the late George and Charlotte Hambley.

Mrs. Utley was educated in Chelsea, England. She arrived in the United States and resided in Plainfield, New Jersey. In New Jersey she was employed by a steel company; and being an independent soul, she purchased a bungalow of which she adored.

During her Christian journey, she walked to St. Andrews Episcopal Church, South Plainfield, New Jersey, where she met the love of her life Lathrop Palmer Utley. They married June 14, 1958 in The Diocesan Cathedral in Trenton, New Jersey. As a devoted military spouse, she was able to accompany her beloved on tours of duty in Germany and several assignments within the continental United States. During her life she, remained a faithful member of The Church of England.

Florence was a master seamstress, enjoyed sewing and knitting. She loved flowers and their beauty.

Florence leaves behind a loving devoted husband of 50 years, Lathrop Palmer Utley, Ret. LTC-Chaplain US Army; son Peter David Utley (Catherine) of Aberdeen Maryland.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by a brother, George Hambley and her sister, Betty Hambley Koopman.

Services for Mrs. Utley will be held 9:00 am Thursday, November 14, 2013 at

Church of the Epiphany Episcopal Church, with interment to follow in the Fort Jackson National Cemetery. The family will receive friends 6-8 pm Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at Palmer Memorial Chapel. The family request that condolences and memorials be left on their webpage at www.palmermemorialchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Florence Ellen Hambley Utley*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *CH Utley,
Know you are in my prayers. You & Florence were a real team. You were lucky to have each other. Know God hears the cries of your heart & will comfort you as you comforted so many chaplains!
Fondly,
Carol Vanschenkof*

Carol VanSchenkof - November 17, 2013 at 04:34 PM



“ *Dearest Chaplain Utley - What a treasure in her earthly vessel, and what a gift to you - your dear Florence. I cherish the three years spent with you at Fort Jackson (2005-'08) while you served as a pastoral resource and exemplar to so many....and having your Florence nearby, often at your side, meant staff and students experienced the joy you shared. Your preaching and hymn selections still echo in my heart, as surely as heaven now resounds with celebration of Florence's life.*

May the good Lord bless and sustain you in your continuing journey of faith, and may God's mercy hold you when human strength ebbs.

With prayers of peace,

*Eric Wester
Chaplain (COL-R), US Army*

Eric Wester - November 15, 2013 at 04:31 PM

CB

“ My dear Ut

How quickly the days go by. At the same time, how slowly the days may now drag without the sparkling presence of your dear one. It is small consolation but true nonetheless for those of us who share the faith in Jesus that will be revealed so soon for us as it has now been for Florence.

We remember fondly our contacts across the years, including the hasty visit in your home in our retirement. And such a brief, but lively and riotous time that Christmas almost fifteen years ago here in High Point! Thank you for sharing your souls with us.

My Dad mischievously used to say: You learn sometime new every day and die and forget it all. Rather I would say that we pass on to the brighter shores where all the good memories are compiled and the less good ones composted to feed the flowers Florence so loved.

God hold you in the blessed hollow of his hand and sustain you in his love.

*Charles and Elva Baldwin
Chaplain (LTC), USARetired
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Charles S Baldwin - November 15, 2013 at 04:41 AM

RA

“ *Lathrop:*

Jean and I send you are deepest condolence on the passing of your dear wife. We have great memoires from our days at Fort Hamilton (1972-73). Please let your family know that our prayers are with you and them during these days.

Sincerely,

*Ray and Jean Acker
Chaplain (LTC)USA, Retired*

Raymond A. Acker - November 14, 2013 at 06:35 PM

HK

“ *CH Utley, my sympathy to you and your family at the death of your wife. She was quite the lady and a wonderful helpmate for you. God bless you in this time of sorrow*

Herman Keizer - November 14, 2013 at 04:18 PM

RC

“ *Dear Ch Utley,*

So sorry for your loss. I remember you and your lovely Florence from my tour at Ft. Jackson, 78-80 & 82.

Wish words were able to take away all your pain but they can not. All I can say is that I am so so sorry for your loss and may God the Holy Spirit comfort you.

Love,

*Rod & Caroline Callahan
CH USAR Ret.*

Rodney Callahan - November 14, 2013 at 02:28 PM

JD

“ Chaplain Utley, I knew you and Florence from your days operating the Chaplain Store at conferences. Both of you loved what you were doing for those who came after you. I served with COL Utley at Fort Knox, working for him when he commanded the training Brigade. To you and Peter, blessings and prayers for you both in the joys of your memories and the sorrow of your loss.
Chaplain J. Roger Dill, Retired

J. Roger Dill - November 14, 2013 at 12:14 PM

PV

“ CH Utley

I always thought of your wife as the pepper to your salt. Even in our last visit I could still see the spark of the beautiful young woman you fell in love with so many years ago. She was still full of spice, still full of mischief, and still full of love for you and for your son.

Life may seem bland without her, but I look forward with you to the day when you and she are reunited as salt and pepper, gathered at last around the marriage supper of the Lamb.

May the peace of joyful memories and the promise of eternal life for you both in Christ sustain you. Your "Paesan" Paul

Paul Villano - November 14, 2013 at 06:56 AM

PV

“ Dear Father Utley,

I learned today from Sam Boone that dear Florence had passed into eternity. I know that this will be hard for you in that you two spent so much time together. You were a dear couple who meant a great deal to me while I was Commandant at the school. Please know that my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this time. You are not forgotten and continue to be much appreciated by the many lives that you and Florence touched for eternity. May God keep you in His care.

Paul Vicalvi, Chaplain (Colonel), USA Retired

Paul Vicalvi - November 13, 2013 at 08:44 PM

RC

Friar,

The Lord bless and keep you. God bless Florence and her memory. May the Almighty hold you close at this difficult time.

Ron Casteel, Chaplain (Colonel), USA Retired

Ron Casteel - November 14, 2013 at 12:03 PM

JS

Lathrop: Please know that you are remembered during this sad time. We just learned that Florence had passed. May God's peace be with you.

Joseph E. Stock, Chaplain (Colonel) USA Retired

Joseph E. Stock - November 14, 2013 at 02:06 PM

CS

Ch Utley. Sorry to hear about the passing of your dear love. Please keep in contact..I live in Atanta, Ga. Misplaced your phone and address. Peace. keep in contact. Keep the faith.

Paul Easley.

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Ch.Paul H. Easley Sr - November 21, 2013 at 08:23 AM