



Eleanor May Melhuish

January 13, 1931 - September 2, 2025

Eleanor May “Jo-Ann” Melhuish (1931-2025)

Eleanor May “Jo-Ann” Melhuish (née Gerrier) passed away peacefully on September 2, 2025 at 94 years old. Jo-Ann was predeceased by her loving husband of 60 years James Lewis Melhuish (1927-2017), her mother and step-father Mary and Stanley Pitman, her father Paul Gerrier, her brother William Girrier, brother Robert Gerrier (and Marie), and sister Ann Reardon (and John). She is survived by her sister-in-law Lee Girrier; 4 children: Tracey Ann Melhuish (Alan Smith), Mark Melhuish (Ann), Ward Melhuish (Jennifer), Chris Melhuish (Lynne); 11 grandchildren: Kate Tolmie, Tim Melhuish, Jack Sistare, Katie Melhuish, Kirk Melhuish, Alex Smith, Christian Melhuish, Jordan Smith, Alex Melhuish, John Melhuish, Matthew Melhuish; and 3 great-grandchildren. Jo-Ann was born in Medford, Massachusetts and worked as an RN in Boston, Florida and New York City. She married James Melhuish in New York City, and became a mother and homemaker. Jo-Ann moved to Glen Ridge, NJ in 1962, residing in the same house for 63 years until her death. Jo-Ann was an active volunteer in her children’s activities, including scouting, the Music Parents Association and sports. Jo-Ann was the Secretary of the Freeman Gardens Association in Glen Ridge for many years. After her children were grown, Jo-Ann pursued her life-long interest in Chinese cooking, history and culture. She learned Mandarin, took college courses, traveled to China numerous times, and taught Chinese cooking classes for 35 years through the Montclair Adult School in Montclair, NJ. She enjoyed fishing,

sailing and traveling, and was an avid birdwatcher, reader and cross-word puzzler. She will be greatly missed by family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Freeman Gardens Association: <https://www.freemangardens.org/donate/>.

Cemetery Details

Glendale Cemetery

28 Hoover Ave
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home
337 Belleville Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761
<https://www.vantasselfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

SEP **10**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home
337 Belleville Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
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Graveside Service

SEP **10**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Very sorry for your family's loss. I worked with your dad for many years and your mom was always so kind. I remember one time I had booked a flight for them and your dad never told me Joanne was not her real name. Needless to say they were a bit delayed that trip.*

Angela

Angela Tobe - September 08, 2025 at 09:45 AM

YF

“ *Your Sanofi Family purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Eleanor May Melhuish.*



Your Sanofi Family - September 06, 2025 at 12:57 PM

WE

“ *With Love, New Providence EMS planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eleanor May Melhuish.*

With Love, New Providence EMS - September 05, 2025 at 08:45 AM

WE

“ *With Love, New Providence EMS purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Eleanor May Melhuish.*



With Love, New Providence EMS - September 05, 2025 at 08:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eleanor May Melhuish.

September 04, 2025 at 03:46 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Eleanor May Melhuish.*



September 04, 2025 at 03:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eleanor May Melhuish.

September 04, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Eleanor May Melhuish.*



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Van Tassel Funeral Home - September 03, 2025 at 03:22 PM