



Joyce E. Eslick

December 31, 2010

Joyce E. Eslick, Lt. Col., U.S. Army, Ret., 81, died December 31, 2010 in Seattle, WA. Born to Lewis and Selma Eslick in Huntsville, AL on August 31, 1929, Joyce moved to Tennessee with her family and graduated from Roane County High School in Kingston. She attended U.T. and received her B.A. at the University of Washington. Joyce joined the WAC as an enlisted person and after attending OCS increased in rank until her retirement as Lt. Col. Among her many accomplishments, Lt. Col. Eslick was CO of the WAC Band and the first female Liaison officer to the S. Vietnam Women's Army. She served her country in both the far East and in Europe during War and Peace. Lt. Col. Eslick is preceded in death by her parents, sister in law Jo Eslick, brother in law Anthony Keko, and several nieces and nephews.

She is survived by her brother, Gerald Eslick of Lenoir City, sister Peggie Keko of Paint Rock, niece, Neocca (Lynn) Liles, nephew Peter (Elizabeth) Keko; aunt Mary Jo (Dale) Smith, beloved friend, companion and caretaker of more than 35 years, Clydean McCarn, Seattle, WA, several great nieces, nephews and cousins, her extended family the members of the WAC Band and all the Women of the Army, active and retired, who befriended and supported her during her adult Life and her years of illness.

Graveside 11:00am Saturday January 15, 2011 at the Roane Memorial Gardens. Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

RP

“ My sincere condolences to the Eslick family. I just saw the notice of her death in the MOAA magazine. LTC Eslick was the commander of the Women's Detachment at Ft Lawton, Washington for the year I was stationed there, fresh out of AIT, and had a great influence (positive) on my life. She also gave me great advice when our paths crossed again at Fifth Army Headquarters when it was located at Fort Sheridan, Ill, and I was applying for OCS myself. It must have worked because I earned a lot of honors during that course! :) May she rest in peace. She was a great lady.

Ragena Palmer - April 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Joyce was a dear neighbor and we were lucky to have known her the last 14 years.
Our Condolences, The Colino Family

Annemarie Colino - January 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ My deepest condolences to the Eslick family. I was a WAC Bandsman before Joyce came to the band, and we became friends at a WAC Museum reunion. We were able to get together a number of times at reunions and had a great time talking about baseball. Joyce will be missed and remembered fondly.

Julie Oliver - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ My condolences go out for the Eslick family. I did not know LTC Eslick personally, but knew of her through the Women's army coprs band reunion and other information I have come across about her. I'm happy she was able to attend the first reunion in 2004. She will be deeply missed by her WAC band sisters and all who knew her. LTC Eslick, thank you for your service to your country and for being part of the greatest part of history, the Womens Army Corps and Band. May you rest in peace dear lady.

Dr Marie C. Karban DVM ret - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ I, too, add my condolences to the Eslick family. Joyce and I attended The Officer Training Course together in 1955 and as young, enthusiastic junior officers our paths criss-crossed at Recruiting School, and when I was stationed in Nashville, and at a WAC Band Concert in Shreveport, La. I'm sorry we lost touch over the years but am happy to learn some of the details of her accomplished and rewarding service career. God Bless you all.

Ruth Roffee - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM