



**Waddell, Mildred 'Rockie' (Rocknich)**

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Mildred (Milka) R. Rocknich, known as "Rockie" went to be with our Lord May 12, 2022, at the age of 98.

Rockie was born to Mary Mamula and Nicholas Rocknich May 29, 1924, in Weirton, W.Va. She grew up in Weirton and attended the Weir High School graduating with honors.

Rockie was a World War II veteran in the Army serving as a lab technician. She loved her country and remained a strong patriot throughout her life. She served from 1944- 1946. During this time, she met and fell in love with Jack Waddell and married. Jack and Rockie were married for 30 years. Together they raised four children, Colleen, Judy, David and Mary.

Rockie worked at Convair in Fort Worth, a manufacturing American aircraft company. She worked as an editor/ proofreader for several technical publication companies for most of her life, retiring at age 75. Her husband was an Air Force veteran, serving overseas while Rockie served to keep her family going.

Rockie attended the Episcopal Church. She loved God, her family and her country. She was a natural beauty, a kind and gentle woman who loved to travel, living overseas a few times. She enjoyed meeting people.

She will be missed greatly by family and friends. We were blessed to have her and know she is now with our Lord.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Rocknich, her father Nicholas Rocknich; husband Jack Waddell; daughter Colleen Meadows; son-in-laws Rick Spencer and Thom Lambert; and grandson Bill Duncan.

Left behind are daughters Judy Lambert and Mary Spencer; son David & KC Waddell; grandchildren, Julie Muehlstein, Jennifer Stone, DeDe Lanoue, Joshua & Justin Waddell and Jack Spencer; great-grands Garrett, Grayson, Marissa, Asa, Adin, Colton, Amelia, Adelyn and Ellison, and great-great-grandchildren.

Celebration of Life is 1 p.m. May 27, at the First United Methodist Church in Decatur. Visitation is an hour before the service. Burial will follow, 3 to 3:30 p.m., in Colleyville at Bluebonnet Hills Cemetery.