



Ethel Migliorini

Ethel was born in Brooklyn in 1920. Her father, Artiodoro Garilli, was born in Farini d'Olmo and her mother, Marietta Bernazzani, was born in Bettola. Ethel was the sixth of seven children and grew up during the Great Depression.

She graduated from Girls Commercial High School in 1938. After studying fashion and design, she worked in the Garment District. During World War II she worked in a Defense Plant. She married Lodovico Migliorini in 1947. He was born in Bicchigano in 1911 and emigrated in 1926. In 1950, Ethel and Vico opened Brookview, a boarding house/summer resort, in Craigville/Chester, NY. With no business background, Ethel's jobs ranged from bookkeeper, to baker, to gardener. Many wonderful memories were made there. They sold the property in 1963 and returned to Brooklyn. They continued to manage the bungalows enabling us and our friends and relatives to spend many more summers in Craigville.

Ethel was a founding member of our society's Woman's Auxiliary and their first recording secretary. She worked as a College Assistant in the Brooklyn College Library for 18 years. In 1989, Ethel and Vico decided to move to Washingtonville to be near their children. They joined the local Senior Center and she volunteered for Meals on Wheels until she was almost 80. When Vico became ill, she was an excellent caretaker. She was widowed in 2000.

Ethel gave up driving at 90 years old. She moved from her house to an apartment at 92 and lived independently until 97. She has enjoyed baking, crocheting, reading, playing cards, scrabble and most of all being with family. She has two children, five grandchildren, and so far, six great grandchildren who are very lucky to have her in their lives.