



Elaine F. Nelson

November 16, 1924 - May 4, 2019

Elaine F. Nelson, age 94, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 4, 2019. She was born on November 16, 1924 in Columbus to the late Ulysses Earl Fancher and Edna Pugh Fancher. Elaine graduated from East High School in 1942 and The Ohio State University with a Bachelor degree in Library Science. In earlier years, she was employed by the Columbus Public Library where she assisted setting up library book service to local Columbus hospitals. Former longtime member of Ohio Avenue UMC, where she served as church organist, taught Bible school, and was involved in many church activities. More recently, she enjoyed playing the piano for Vespers services at Wesley Ridge Retirement Community. Elaine was a current member of Reynoldsburg UMC. Former member of Gideon's International and Child Conservation League. Elaine enjoyed outdoor activities such as gardening, bicycling, swimming, camping, and spending time with her family. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 65 years, James A. Nelson; brothers, Robert L. Fancher and Wayne U. Fancher. She was the devoted mother to son, Steven J. Nelson; daughter, Lori (Mack) Riddle; grandchildren, Janelle (Matt) Guirrerri, Rocky (Lisa) Riddle; great-grandchildren, Jonathon Guirrerri and Mia Guirrerri. Family will receive friends 4-7 pm Thursday at Schoedinger East Chapel, 5360 E. Livingston Ave. Private interment will be held at Glen Rest Memorial Estate. A memorial service will be held 11 am Friday, May 10, 2019 at Wesley Ridge Retirement Community-Kimes Chapel, 2225 Taylor Park Dr. Reynoldsburg, OH 43068. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Columbus SE Camp of Gideon's International or to the Capital Area Humane Society.

Cemetery

**Glen Rest Memorial
Estate**
8029 E. Main St.
Reynoldsburg, OH, 43068

Events

MAY **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Schoedinger East Chapel
5360 East Livingston Avenue, Columbus, OH, US,
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MAY **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Wesley Ridge Retirement Center-Kimes Chapel
2229 Taylor Park Drive, Reynoldsburg, OH, US, 43068

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



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“ Jim and Elaine Nelson were two of the best people we have ever known. When they moved beside us in Reynoldsburg over thirty years ago we could never have known the strong bond of friendship that would form and grow over these last three decades. I honestly can't remember how we met. It's like they just appeared and we had been friends forever. We shared gardening and plants, recipes, love of our pools, jokes and so much laughter, the search for the best pizza around, and much, much more. We have so, so many memories and good times that we shared together from helping the baby ducks escape from their pool to one Saturday the four of us spent scouring Easton and surrounding shoe stores for this particular pair of shoes that Elaine wanted. After the third or fourth store Jim said "just buy a pair so we can go eat!" Rob and Jim were two peas in a pod sharing tools, their trucks, and stories while they fixed this and that. I remember giving Elaine a book on cats and when I asked her how she liked it she said "Oh I haven't read it...I'm savoring the anticipation of reading it just a while longer." That was both of them, savoring life, family and friends and living joyfully. We are going to miss those weekly talks and solving the world's problems over coffee but are comforted knowing Jim was waiting for Elaine, maybe a bit impatiently, and they are back together where they belong. Thank you Lori and Steve for sharing your mom and dad with us.

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