



Gussie Dye-Elder

August 28, 1929 - June 1, 2019

Gussie Dye-Elder, whose 89 years were filled with cherished friends, family, travel, a rewarding career and an abundance of happiness and good times, passed away June 1, 2019. Born at home Aug. 28, 1929 in Utica, Ohio, to Lester and Hazel McMillen, Gussie enjoyed a happy and fulfilling childhood. At a young age, Gussie trusted in the saying that it was far better to follow your own path imperfectly than to follow another's perfectly. After being graduated from Utica High School in 1948, her long and successful work career started as a telephone operator, but she soon found a career path in human resources as manager of part-time employment for Snelling and Snelling and as an employment counselor for Northern Employment. In 1970, she continued in human resources as an interviewer and then employment manager with Riverside Methodist Hospital. The move to Riverside proved life-changing as she rose through the ranks over a 21-year period, eventually serving for more than a decade as director of volunteer services where she led, coached and inspired 1,600 volunteers serving patients in all areas of the hospital. Gussie continuously expanded her education through classes at The Ohio State University, professional development programs and a women's business organization, culminating in receiving a Director of Volunteer Programs certification. As an avid evangelist for volunteerism, she was a frequent speaker to women's groups, rotary clubs, church groups and high schools on the merits of volunteering. She viewed her time at Riverside as the greatest opportunity she ever had, defined not only by what she helped accomplish for the volunteer program, but also by life-long friendships that she cherished and nurtured long after her retirement in 1991. She and her husband, Lowell, enjoyed a long-time involvement with the Ohio State Alumni Association and the Trinity United Methodist Church in Upper Arlington. Besides being a genuinely gracious woman who loved being around people, she will be remembered as a voracious reader, meticulous home decorator, social entertainer, passionate music lover and experienced traveler who enjoyed winters in Naples, Florida. Preceded in death by her parents, also beloved husband, Lowell L. Elder; brother, Charles William McMillen; his wife, Phyllis and their son, Ronnie Lee; and step-daughter, Bonny Ridgley. Gussie is survived by and will be deeply missed by son, M. Douglas Gerrard, his spouse, Janet Hackman and his son, Christopher Clark Gerrard; nephew, William McMillen and spouse DiAnn; and step-

children, Barbara Covey, Betsy Stiles and Ken Dye; and Lowell's daughters, Debbie Bagenstose and Nancy Trepashko and their spouses. Family will receive friends on Thursday, June 6, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at SCHOEDINGER NORTHWEST CHAPEL, 1740 Zollinger Road, Columbus 43221. A funeral service and life celebration will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 7, 2019 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1581 Cambridge Blvd., Columbus 43212 with interment to follow at Union Cemetery, 3349 Olentangy River Road. In lieu of flowers, friends and family are encouraged to donate to OhioHealth Hospice, 800 McConnell Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43214 or at OhioHealth.com; or to Trinity United Methodist Church Foundation, 1581 Cambridge Blvd., Columbus 43212, or at TrinityUMChurch.com.

Cemetery

Events

Union Cemetery - Columbus

3349 Olentangy River Rd.

Columbus, OH, 43202

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Visitation

05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Schoedinger Northwest Chapel

1740 Zollinger Road, Columbus, OH, US, 43221

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Funeral Service

11:00AM

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Trinity United Methodist Church

US

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Schoedinger Funeral Service - June 03, 2019 at 02:10 PM



“ The video is a lovely tribute to Gussie.
Nancy Elder Trepashko

Nancy Elder Trepashko - June 03, 2019 at 03:57 PM



“ The video and music captured the beautiful essence of Gussies enormous zest for life. She truly was a person that made a difference for the better by being here, and will be remembered always with great love.

Cherie Taylor - June 03, 2019 at 04:56 PM



“ I worked with Gussie in the late 1960s. She was a treasure. A beautiful love for life and an infectious personality.

Janet Worthington - June 04, 2019 at 05:51 PM



“ Just watched the video and so so many tears and so so many good memories of her. She was my boss back in the early 90's when I managed the Gift Shop at Riverside. She taught me a lot about life, class, taking risks and two weeks into my job my father died. I hated to tell her I needed, after only two weeks on the job, to be gone, that I needed time off to bury him. "You'll only get to do this right one time. Now get out of here and go say good-bye to your dear father. Take all the tie you need" Thanks, Gussie, for all the lessons well learned. Love you.

Judy Pigman - June 04, 2019 at 08:34 PM



“ I knew the moment I met Gussie, she would become a Dear Friend. I cleaned for Sweet Gussie and lol...my cleaning days for Her became my favorites. We would go to lunch often and I loved how she would always wear one of my bead necklaces that I gave her. She was a VERY SPECIAL LADY!! I'll always remember my Dear Friend!

Kathie Halsted - July 10, 2019 at 09:38 AM



“ It's hard to put into words the positive impact someone like Gussie can have on one's life. I think of the people I have most admired. They all have one thing in common: they demonstrate class and quality consistently through their own actions. I've worked for CEOs, vice presidents and department heads who "walk the talk." Gussie

may have never run a company, but she had just as much impact on me as any number of influential people for whom I worked. Though I will miss her gentle touch, thoughtful conversation and good taste, I feel blessed to have been in her presence for so many years, and am a better person because of her.

-- Rich Baker

Rich Baker - June 11, 2019 at 10:00 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gussie Dye-Elder.



June 04, 2019 at 07:27 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gussie Dye-Elder.



June 03, 2019 at 05:58 PM



“ Love, Nancy and Donald Trepashko purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gussie Dye-Elder.



Love, Nancy and Donald Trepashko - June 03, 2019 at 05:04 PM



“ Love, Ella, Billy and Emily Trepashko purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gussie Dye-Elder.



Love, Ella, Billy and Emily Trepashko - June 03, 2019 at 04:52 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gussie Dye-Elder.



June 03, 2019 at 09:29 AM



“ Had happy memories of Gussie while staying with her mother during World War II along with my mother, while my father was in the army. Also enjoyed visiting with her when she visited my mother in her later years. Barbara (Hughes) Lingle.

Barbara (Hughes) Lingle - June 02, 2019 at 07:39 PM



“ Thanks Barbara. She was ready and she said she had a great run. She leaves an empty space that will hurt for a long time. We will focus on what wonderful memories we have.

Doug

Doug Gerrard - June 04, 2019 at 01:53 PM