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Adelle Baker Obituary

Adelle Baker (nee Yesterbi, Nemeth), 87, died December 26, 2014 at Life Care Center of Elyria where she was receiving care from Cleveland Clinic Hospice. She was born September 1, 1927 in Lorain and delivered by a female physician. She attended Lorain Public Schools, graduating early in 1945A. She attended Baldwin Wallace for three years before graduating from Kent State University with a B.S. in Education and from Case Western Reserve University with a M.A. In Education. She completed post-graduate work at Loyola College in MD, Ohio State University, Akron University and Cleveland State University. She began her career as an educator at Eastern Michigan University before returning to the Elyria City Schools and Lorain and Huron County school systems as a Curriculum Coordinator, Elementary Supervisor and Principal, and Program Director/Faculty at Cleveland State University. She published numerous articles and books on reading, curriculum development, and handwriting and presented at state and national conferences. In 1968, she became the first national Educational Consultant for the Zaner-Bloser Company of Columbus, OH. After retiring from the classroom, she was an Educational Researcher for the University of Michigan and the University of Chicago and Westat. She was a life member and Past President of the Phi Mu sorority. In addition to her numerous state and national professional associations, she was very involved with the community. She was a member and often an officer or Board member of the Avon Research Club, Friends of the Ohio Libraries, Friends of the Elyria Library, Elyria AL Post 12, YWCA, GSA, Does-Elks, LVW, Moose, AAUW, APL, Kiwanis Wives, Cleveland City Club, Elyria Womans Club, ESU, Firelands Garden Club, Ohio and National BPW, College Club West, Lorain County Historical Society, and WVIZ. Adelle was a woman of many firsts. She was the first of her siblings, Leonard, Donald, and Raymond Nemeth and Frank Yesterbi, to graduate college.



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She was the founding Mother as the only woman of the five original Board members of Lake Ridge Academy. She is responsible for naming the school. She was honored as Elyrias First Lady in 1973 by Beta Sigma Phi. She was one of the first women to be to a licensed auctioneer in Ohio. She co-founded the Senior Womens Fellowship Club of Elyria in 1988. Besides her professional and community activities, Adelle was an avid tennis player and golfer. Her family often traveled through the US for her husband Georges 749th Tank Battalion military reunions and national Kiwanis conventions. She and George traveled extensively through Europe, Canada, Mexico, Egypt, the Caribbean, China, and India. Adelle is presided in death by her parents, George and Margaret Nemeth, of Lorain and her four brothers and her beloved and best friend husband of 51 years, George A. Baker, in 2007. She is survived by her daughter, Esta Rachel, of Baltimore, MD and a son, Karl George, of North Ridgeville and cousins, Mary Molnar Camp of Avon and Nancy Molnar Zahorec of Lorain. A celebration of Adelles life will be held at noon Saturday, February 7,, 2015 at Washington Avenue Christian Church, 301 Washington Avenue, Elyria with Rev. Janet A. Long officiating. Burial at Ridge Hill Memorial Park, Amherst Twp. will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that you use and support your local public library, volunteer at or adopt from your local animal rescue shelter, mentor a child or advocate for someone in need, plant and tend a community garden, or make memorial contribution to the Washington Avenue Christian Church. Arrangements are in the care of Dicken Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Elyria. For online condolences, visit www.dickenfuneralhome.com

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in memory of Adelle Baker, please visit our floral store.

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FC

Francesco Catanese posted:

My condolences to the family. Lake Ridge Academy is a better school also because of Mrs. Baker.
Francesco Catanese Former Foreign Languages Teacher

January 7 at 8:00 PM

TK

Tania Kegyes posted:

Adelle and George were such an inspiration. Truly a couple that made an impact on their community.
Together again.

January 6 at 8:00 PM

JZ

John & Nancy Zahorec posted:

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SYMPATHY. NANCY & I ENJOYED LISTENING TO YOUR MOTHER'S STORIES
ABOUT HER LIFE & OUR FAMILIES.

January 1 at 8:00 PM

MC

Mary Molnar Camp posted:

Please know your Mother was a positive influence not only in our family but through out the
community. She was truly one of a kind and will be missed by many. You are in my prayers.

January 1 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Adelle by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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