



Mrs. H. Geraldine Strothman

August 11, 1923 - December 7, 2015

STROTHMAN

GERALDINE (TROUTMAN)

At age 92 on Monday December 7, 2015, surrounded by loving family and caregivers at Sherwood Oaks Retirement Community.

Gerry Strothman was born in Pittsburgh to Anna Helen (Strittmatter) and Curtis William/CW Troutman. After graduation from Perry High School she worked for TWA as secretary to the district manager. Later she spent many years working in insurance, first with her father, and later at the agency she and her husband started. In 1944 Gerry married her high school sweetheart Ray Strothman who was training as a B-25 bomber pilot for WWII service in Italy. Gerry's family includes: beloved husband for 67 years Raymond who predeceased Gerry, their son Randy Strothman of Deutschtown; their son Rich (Pam Bradley) Strothman of Jefferson Hills; Rich's son Cameron (Denise Drew) Strothman of Loveland, CO and their son Lincoln; Rich's daughter Alexis Strothman (Alan) Meier and their son Max of Rochester, PA; Pam's son Jason White and children Madison, Mikayla and Nathan, and Pam's daughter Melissa Mastin and children Brandon, Scott and Luke; their daughter Sue Strothman (Jim) Johnson of Franklin Park and Jim's daughter Heather Johnson Ferguson and her children Caroline and Jack of Randolph NJ, Jim's daughter Hillary Johnson (Felipe) Miranda and daughter Hannah of Millsboro, DE, and Jim's son Andrew (Alex Smartt) Johnson of Kansas City, MO. Many

others called her Moms or GG or Grandma or Granny Jellybean because of her loving generosity and caring spirit.

Gerry will be fondly remembered for community service, including her long commitments to Passavant Hospital and Sherwood Oaks, where she had served on the Board and where she lived her final years. She volunteered at the hospital for more than 35 years - giving more than 16,000 hours of service - including as president of both the Women's Board and Art for Passavant, and as a very active volunteer in the ER. She had similar commitments over the decades to Memorial Park Presbyterian Church, from the choir to various Women's Circles.

Gerry always loved family and friend get-togethers. For more than a decade she and Ray generously shared their second home on Lake Chautauqua, creating fond memories for so many. She cherished the extended family reunions in places like Pittsburgh, Quantico, Austin, Seattle, Frankenmuth, and Arlington. Christmas Eve was always a fun, musical time at Gerry and Ray's house.

Gerry had a wonderful sense of adventure and spurred her children and grandchildren to see the world, including across the US and Canada to many national parks, trips to Europe, Asia and Haiti, while educating her family from her ever trusty AAA travel guides. Ray and Gerry loved their annual trips to Hilton Head with family. She loved all animals, musicals and local sports teams. Gerry will be remembered for singing along unabashedly to Frank Sinatra and other classic crooners and divas, as well as Christmas Carols. Music was one of her great loves, including the Pops concert series at Heinz Hall.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday January 9, 2016 at 11 am in the Auditorium at Sherwood Oaks Retirement Community, 100 Norman

Drive, Cranberry Township, PA 16066 (724-776-8100). Please do not send flowers, but rather consider a donation to Sherwood Oaks Fund 100 Norman Drive, Cranberry Township, PA 16066, or Passavant Hospital Foundation, 9100 Babcock Blvd., Pgh, PA 15237, or the charity of your choice. Arrangements by Simons Funeral Home, Inc.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Suz and Randy and Rich,
Thinking of or bumping into your Mom always made me smile because of HER beautiful smile. Her energy and generosity were infectious. Such a welcoming hostess she was....making each one of her guests feel as though they were the only one that mattered. When remembering your Mom and Dad, I will always have a warm surge race thru my heart.

I am so sorry that I will miss the memorial service that you have planned. I will be thinking of you all.

Love,
Gail Gagnon

Gail Gagnon - January 02, 2016 at 10:59 AM



Randy Strothman

It's wonderful to hear the warm memories you have, including the hostess part, Gail. You share these with so many people and the family.

Randy Strothman - January 02, 2016 at 01:34 PM

LS

“ I remember Aunt Gerry and Uncle Ray from an early age. We lived about 60 miles from Pittsburgh, which in the 1940's was a day trip. We went a few times a year for Sunday dinner to the little red brick house where Nana lived in an in-law apartment. Aunt Gerry was always cheerful and bustling with preparations when we arrived. She was outspoken and upbeat and laughed often. I can still hear her distinctive laugh whenever something tickled her, which was often. I remember an outing one Sunday where Aunt Gerry and Uncle Ray took us to see the housing development in Allis on Park where they would be having a house built, and big mud area that would become a shopping center, and Aunt Gerry described this new concept of "shopping center" with enthusiasm and excitement as a trend of the future. Little did they know that in 50 years there would be coast to coast strip malls. It seemed to me as a little girl that whatever the topic of conversation, Aunt Gerry was in the middle of it with questions and comments. I could hear the adult chatter at the table after being excused and Gerry's bubbling would punctuate the cadence of conversations with her questions, laughter and upbeat personality. Bubbly.

Linda Jean Strothman - January 01, 2016 at 02:10 PM



Randy Strothman

Thanks, cousin. What a wonderful way-back memory of her you have, including the memory of shopping centers of the future. She was an avid and tasteful shopper among other things. I'll add them to mine.

Randy Strothman - January 02, 2016 at 01:32 PM

SW

Dear Sue, Randy & Rich,
We've known your mom & dad since the 70's. We worked with your dad for many years. They were both very special people & touched many lives. Our lives are better because we had the good fortunate to call them friends. We hope that you find comfort in knowing that they are together again for the Holidays!
Stephanie & Chuck Wazenegger

Stephanie Wazenegger - January 04, 2016 at 10:19 AM