



Lavina L. Stolte

November 25, 1914 - July 10, 2014

Lavina L. Stolte, 99, of Otterbein Cridersville, formerly of Wapakoneta, was born in New Knoxville, OH, on Nov. 25, 1914, the daughter of Christian and Sarah (Kuck) Melter. She passed away on July 10, 2014, at Otterbein Cridersville. She was a 1932 graduate of New Knoxville High School. On Nov. 9, 1935, she married Robert F. Stolte, the love of her life, who preceded her in death on May 10, 1994. She had been a resident of Otterbein Cridersville since 1996. Lavina was also predeceased by her parents, sister Adelia Hulsmeyer, brother Carl Melter, nephew Wayne Hulsmeyer, niece Judy Garman, sister-in-law Dorothy Stienecker and brother-in-law Forrest Stolte. She is survived by her son, Steve (Mardy) Stolte of Marysville, OH, her grandson Andrew (Jennifer) Stolte also of Marysville, niece Irene Howe of New Knoxville, and sister-in-law Charlene Rasmussen of Claremont, CA. Lavina was a homemaker and secretary of the family businesses, R.F. Stolte Builders and Pikasto Builders. She was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ, Wapakoneta. She was past president of the St. Paul UCC Women's Guild, Wapakoneta Soroptimist Club, and the Wapakoneta Flying Club. In 1961, she represented the Ohio Chapter of the International Flying Farmers as their queen. Lavina and Bob were avid flyers, owning four Piper aircraft during their flying days. She was the first woman in Auglaize County to earn a private pilot's license. Lavina was a Cincinnati Reds fan since the 1930s, loved dancing and playing her organ and cherished a good game of gin or euchre. She enjoyed quilt making, crocheting "love" doilies and making "daisy chain" necklaces. She volunteered on civic and Otterbein committees and was a devoted tutor of Cridersville Elementary School students. Lavina will be remembered for her engaging smile, outgoing personality, vivid and thorough memory and many wonderful friendships. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Wed. July 16, 2014, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, Pastor Lynn Huffman officiating. Lavina will be laid in her final resting place alongside her husband Bob at Resthaven Memory Gardens. Calling hours will be 5-8 p.m., Tues. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions to the Otterbein Cridersville Benevolent Fund, 100 Red Oak Dr., Cridersville, OH 45806.

Tribute Wall

CH

“ Dear family and friends of Lavina L. Stolte, My name is Cheyenne and I am in a volunteer Christian work encouraging ones to look into the Bible. I'm so sorry for your loss. Unfortunately we all face death and it is not something we can avoid. But Jesus Christ gave us a hope for the dead, even our dead loved ones. He talked about a resurrection of the dead in a Paradise Earth where all of us will see our loved ones again! In John 5:28, 29 he promised “All those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out.” Also, I wanted to share with you a wonderful Scripture that tells of what will happen in God's Kingdom. Notice what it says at Revelation 21:4 it says: “And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.” Isn't that a very comforting promise? I hope this helps you like it has helped me. My heart and prayers go out to you. Below is a link to a very encouraging Bible based brochure which you might enjoy in the months ahead. Please use your personal Bible with this brochure. <http://tinyurl.com/n8eglb> Your Neighbor, Cheyenne

Cheyenne - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

BK

“ Dear Steve and Mardy, You have my deepest sympathy in the loss of your dear mother. There are people who come into our lives and leave indelible impressions. Lavina was one of those people. I am sure she is happy to be reunited with her dear husband. May God comfort you in your sorrow. Cherish all of the sweet memories. Sincerely, Brenda Keller Lima, Ohio

Brenda Keller - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

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“ Sending our most sincere condolences.

Harold and Eileen Werling - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

JS

“ Steve: We are so sorry for your loss. We have so many fond memories of your mom. She was so kind and considerate to everyone she came in contact with. I best remember her when she worked for my Dad at the City Loan. She remembred us and my brother Tim who passed several years ago. She called me to tell me how many memories of us coming into the office. We will long remember her and are sorry that we will be away to our place in Tenn. during the visitation and funeral service. We will be thinking of you and your family during this sad time. Affectionally, Joyce and Dudley Schuler

joyce and dudley schuler - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

SK

“ Our sympathy to you Steve and all your family. My brother told me about your mom. The obituary shows what a wonderful and full life she lived. You were a caring son to her and I am sure she was grateful for all you and Mardy did for her these past years in particular. May happy memories together bring you peace and smiles.

Suzi & Randy Keller - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

DC

“ Our deepest sympathy from the Dean Cook family.

Dean E Cook - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

LB

“ Extending my deepest thoughts, prayers and sympathy to all of you at this sad time, and wishing each of you the comfort of happy memories.---Sincerely, Lloyd Baker, 07/12/2014

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KE

“ Lavina was my tutor in 4th grade (2000-2001). She was very kind and loving. She called me several times throughout my schooling to tell me congrats when my name was in the paper for honor roll. I went and visited her a few times while she was at Otterbein and she remembered me like it was just the day before that we had last been together. She will be missed by me because she had a huge impact on me and who I am today.

Sincerely,
Kirstie Ernst

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