



Elizabeth B. Kester

July 13, 1929 - January 19, 2022

Elizabeth B. Kester, 92, of Grove City, OH, formerly of Wilmington, DE, passed away on January 19, 2022.

Born on July 13, 1929 to Harry and Elizabeth Berry, Elizabeth graduated P.S. DuPont High School in Wilmington in 1947 and Goldey College in 1949. She was a Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star Delaware Lodge #1.

She is survived by her sons: Lewis, Jr. (Barbara) and Josiah (Barbara); grandchildren: Lewis III, Elizabeth, and Daniel; great grandchildren: Kaitlyn, Deven, Keara and Abigail. She is preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Elizabeth Berry and husband, Lewis Kester, Sr.

Service will be held privately. For directions or to send an online condolence visit www.stranofeeley.com

Cemetery Details

Gracelawn Memorial Park

2220 N. DuPont Highway
New Castle, DE

Tribute Wall

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“ *From Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Grove City Ohio, Nursing Home Visitation Volunteers for Monterey Nursing Home: Susan, Margaret, Debbie, Manuel, Mike, and David*

We first encountered Elizabeth on her first week at Monterey. She was delightful. Elizabeth loved her Baptist Church. She greeted us with a big smile and happiness each week we visited. She loved Jesus. Elizabeth was truly one of God's special souls. Before Covid, our priest would have mass at the nursing home monthly. Elizabeth wanted to join us, so on her first visit to mass, I walked her as she was using her walker to the mass and stayed beside her during the service. Mass at a nursing facility always ends with a blessing and anointing of the sick. I asked Elizabeth if she would like to be anointed. Yes, I would. She stood up and received the blessing and anointing of the sick. Another time as mass ended, she was thrilled to show us the necklace with a beautiful small golden cross her son and his wife had purchased for her while on a trip to Rome. She loved that cross and would point it out many times. We loved saying prayers with her. When her hearing became compromised, I would sit next to her and we would read scripture together. We would all say the Our Father prayer and Hail Mary. During her last couple weeks, we could see she was failing. Her Christmas decorations were gone and replaced by family pictures. She looked at them and sighed, "I have all the pictures of my love ones, but what I don't have, is a picture of Jesus. Margaret brought her one the next week and Elizabeth pointed to where to place it with a push-pin. It took Margaret 3 tries to get it in the perfect place. The next week we would look into her room and see the emptiness, our hearts were saddened. We know she is in the arms of Jesus now and connecting with loved one who went before her.

Susan Higgins - January 28 at 02:19 PM

MM

“ *Mrs. Kester was my daughter Jen's piano teacher, back in the early 80's, in her house on Gilpin Avenue. She was very kind and patient, and Jen loved going for her lessons. I always think of her when I walk past her house. Jen passed away 3 years ago, but we often spoke about her good times at Mrs. Kester's house. I hope they have reunited in Heaven.*

Shelly (Fanny) Montgomery

Michele (Fanny) Montgomery - January 25 at 02:36 PM

MK

“ Please accept my sincere sympathy! Mrs. Kester taught me piano in the 1980's - we spent more time talking & laughing than playing the piano. She also taught one of my sons for several years. She was wonderful and I valued her friendship!
Sincerely, Mary Ellen King

Mary Ellen King - January 25 at 11:45 AM

PP

“ Betty and Lewis were my next door neighbors on Gilpin avenue in the early 1960. We were good neighbors to each other. Betty helped me bear the sorry when I lost my little son Russell. I met her a few years ago at Claymore Senior Center and we had a nice chat. was a very nice lady. I remember her parents coming to visit and both of her sons Lewis and Jessie. sending my sincere sympathy to you all. It is nice to have memories when you are young. I'm 82 now.

Phyllis White Pini - January 25 at 08:52 AM

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“ Mrs Kester was my piano teacher when I was a girl . I have memories of sitting at her piano
Bench in the house across from St Ann's . She was a caring and capable teacher
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Clairmarie H Field - January 25 at 07:09 AM