



Esther Richard Custer

April 10, 1927 - July 21, 2015

Esther Richard Custer, age 88 of Wheeling died Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at home.

She was born April 10, 1927, in Wheeling, the eldest daughter of the late Frank and Grace McCormick Richard.

Esther was a member of the First Christian Church in Wheeling and formerly served as a deaconess and president of the Christian Women's Fellowship. She was a graduate of Wheeling High School Class of 1945 and a former employee of Sears and Weight Watchers.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Genealogy Society and OVMC OPALS Keenagers. Esther enjoyed swimming, reading, ballroom dancing, cake decorating, knitting, quilting, painting, researching her family tree, and having lunch with her lifelong friends.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband Robert A. Custer; an infant brother, Harold; two sisters, Dorothy Rozell and Alyce Marie (Murph) Knuth and son-in-law, Roger King.

Survivors include one daughter, Linda King of Moundsville, WV; one son, Robert R. (Kimberly) Custer of Wheeling; one brother, Robert (Nancy) Richard of Jacksonville, FL three dearly loved grandchildren; Courtney King (Shadd) Kennedy of Cross Lanes, WV, Chris (Danielle) King of Moundsville, and Robert A. "Bobby" Custer of Wheeling; two great-grandsons, Gunner Roy King and Brock Daniel King of Moundsville; one step-grandchild, Christian Kennedy of Cross Lanes, and eight nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends on Friday from 11am until time of funeral service at 1:00pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Wheeling/Bethlehem with Rev. Kenneth Hardway officiating.

Interment in Emma Grove Cemetery, Hannibal OH.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church, 1343 National Road, Wheeling, WV 26003.

Cemetery Details

Emma Grove

Hannibal, OH

Tribute Wall



“ *Grisell Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Esther Richard Custer*



Grisell Funeral Homes - July 22, 2015 at 12:19 PM

JK

“ *Bobby,
Sorry about your mom. My thought and sympathy are with you and your mom's family and friends.*

JAY KNAPP - July 27, 2015 at 10:01 PM

DA

“ *What a beautiful video tribute! Esther always had such a kind smile throughout the years. She, Mom (Barbara), and Aunt Alyce shared many good times together. May the many wonderful memories you shared with Esther comfort you at this time.*

Dee Bradcovich Archer

Dee Archer - July 25, 2015 at 01:14 PM

CP

“ Our sympathy goes to your family. She was a lovely lady!
From the family of Tony & Barbara (Fisher)Bradcovich.

Charlotte Bradcovich Pettit

charlotte pettit - July 25, 2015 at 08:54 AM

RL

“ It is sad to hear of Esther's passing, but there is comfort in knowing that she lived a very full life. Esther was a childhood friend of my mother, Barbara Fisher Bradcovich, and her brother, Paul Fisher. She remained a friend throughout my mother's lifetime: Esther, Alyce, and mom (maybe a few others) would get together for lunch when they could and they always seem to have a good laugh. The last time I talked with Esther was at the funeral home, after my mother's death, almost 6 years ago. It was so sweet of her to make the effort to be there. My sympathy goes out to all of Esther's family in her loss.



Rita (Bradcovich) Longardner - July 24, 2015 at 09:39 PM

MW

“ Bob and Linda,
Your parents were such a great part of my childhood and are responsible for so many wonderful memories! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

Mike Wymer

Mike Wymer - July 23, 2015 at 09:11 PM

KL

“ *Bob, Kim, Bobbie;*

Thinking of you and sending prayers at this difficult time. May your hearts be lightened by the many wonderful memories of her love for you. Kent and Ann LaForme

Kent LaForme - July 23, 2015 at 06:19 PM

LH

“ *Lynn Histing purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Esther Richard Custer.*



Lynn Histing - July 23, 2015 at 01:02 PM

Lynn
Histing

“ *Esther was like a Grandma to me growing up. She made birthday cakes EVERY year for me growing up. I always looked forward to her taking me to lunch and to a store each birthday for a gift. She always made my birthday so special, I actually just received a card from her a few days ago (which is a really big deal considering her memory). Every Christmas Esther and Bob would come to our home. My brother and I would show off our lego castles and climb all over Bob! She made Rob and me the most amazing wedding cake! She was just always so loving!*

I know she knew I loved her, but I'll always regret not visiting her more often. I am so thankful we were able to spend some time together on my last trip to Wheeling. I pray she realized that between living on the other side of the country and having a sick mother myself, visits were difficult.

My prayers are with her family. I know these last years had to be extremely difficult watching such a fun and loving person lose her memory and now losing her completely is so difficult for those of us left here on Earth. But I know she is dancing in heaven with Bob. That's the picture I'm going to try to keep in my mind...Esther and Bob dancing in heaven!

Lynn Histing - July 23, 2015 at 12:11 PM

NM

“ *Norma and Todd Buchanan; John and Kim Marshall purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Esther Richard Custer.*



Norma and Todd Buchanan; John and Kim Marshall - July 22, 2015 at 08:43 PM

BR

“ *Bob and Nancy Richard purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Esther Richard Custer.*



Bob and Nancy Richard - July 22, 2015 at 02:15 PM

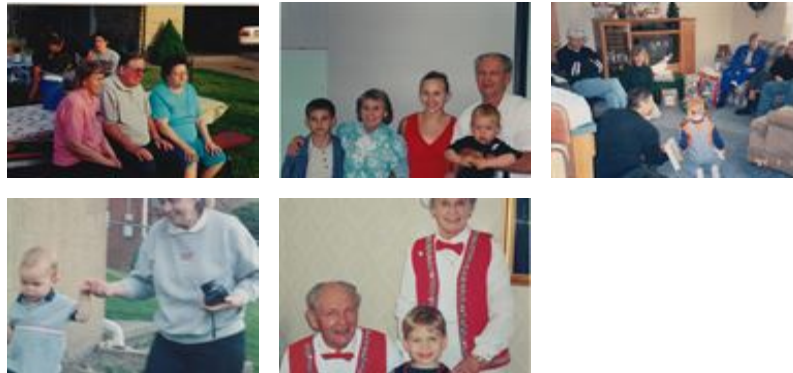
PP

“ *Aunt Esther will be sorely missed by many, but we will keep her in our hearts forever!
We Loved You Aunt Esther,
Rick and Peggy Parise*

Peggy Parise - July 22, 2015 at 01:55 PM



“ *70 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Grisell Funeral Homes - July 22, 2015 at 12:15 PM