



Ellen Gorham

July 8, 1930 - January 10, 2016

Ellen Gorham passed away peacefully Jan. 10, 2016, in the presence of her loving and devoted husband, Charles Gorham. Her life's journey has ended, but those who knew her will remember Ellen as a lively, kind person who enjoyed a full and happy life.

Ellen was born July 8, 1930, in Albany, NY, to her late parents Margaret Armstrong Dakin and Herbert Leonard Dakin. She was the sister of the late Robert A. Dakin and mother of Deborah Leigh Gorham (Bob Applegate), Scott Brady Gorham (Susan Elder) and Alison Lynn Pedersen (Olie). She is also survived by 4 grandsons; Alex and Andy Gorham, and Blake and Graham Pedersen.

Ellen followed her musical passion at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music where she met and married her husband the day before they graduated in 1952. Ellen continued her musical career by performing in the Cleveland Chamber Orchestra and the Baldwin Wallace Conservatory Orchestra as well as teaching piano. However, her main focus quickly became raising her children in both Berea, OH and Bloomington, IN.

Ellen loved laughter, classical music, movies, cooking, and

photography. She also loved family trips to their summer cabin on Lake Penage in Ontario, Canada. With camera in hand, she excelled at capturing images of the beauty of nature and her well-fed birds brought her no end of fascination and joy. She pursued her photographic interests, selling home-made cards through her business Photo Designs, and was also an active member of Psi Iota Xi.

Ellen loved her family and we love her! To honor and celebrate her, we will carry on her zest for life as she would want. In lieu of flowers donations to the Alzheimer's Association and or Psi Iota Xi would be welcomed. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, are handling arrangements. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Ellen's family at www.allenfuneralhome.org

Tribute Wall



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Ellen Gorham.*



January 16, 2016 at 08:12 PM



“ *In November of 1984, when I was a doctoral student at IU, my wife was pregnant with our daughter. Jennifer was born at about 6 a.m. on the expected day and - much to our surprise - mother and daughter were released from the hospital a few hours later. We had barely gotten home at about 12:30 p.m. (a Sunday) when we heard a knock at the door. There were Charles and Ellen wondering how things were going. They came in and visited for awhile - the first "outsiders" to hold our brand new daughter.*

In our remaining time in Bloomington, Ellen invited us many times to get-togethers at their home - always making sure that we'd bring our daughter.

One summer, when I was fortunate to play with the brass faculty in several quintet performances, Ellen attended each performance and listened intently. She turned to my wife during one performance and remarked that she couldn't quite understand why we would want to play the trumpet - that it was so "chancey."

She was a wonderful lady!

Randy Grabowski - January 15, 2016 at 03:28 PM

PS

“ *The Wood Stove cooking and cookies in the oven; always a warm and tasty visit to Ellen's Canadian Kitchen. She will be missed at the Lake but we have lots of wonderful memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family.*

Paul and Sharon Sords - January 15, 2016 at 01:53 PM

SG

She was a wizard chef on that wood stove!

Susy Gorham - January 15, 2016 at 10:10 PM

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Scott Gorham - January 13, 2016 at 09:24 PM

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Scott Gorham - January 13, 2016 at 08:26 PM

DB

Wowi.... on Barberry Drive, Berea, OH!! Great pic!

Doug Burley - January 17, 2016 at 02:24 PM

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Scott Gorham - January 13, 2016 at 08:22 PM

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Scott Gorham - January 13, 2016 at 08:12 PM

CT

“ *Deepest sympathies to you Charles and your family! Many years have passed since Ellen and I worked in the law office together. We enjoyed several years as close friends. She was a lovely woman who was dedicated to you and your family and had so many beautiful talents! For years I purchased her lovely cards. Time moved on and we grew apart but our time together has never been forgotten. Peace and grace to you, Chris and Vince Taylor*

Christine Taylor - January 13, 2016 at 02:09 PM

PM

“ Ellen and I worked together for several years with Psi Iota Xi. She was a hardworking, funny, talented woman. Saw her through the years and she was always the same clever lady that I knew years ago. She will be missed by her family, friends, and Bloomington.

Polly Muckenfuss-Brown

Polly MuckenfussBrown - January 13, 2016 at 10:27 AM

RH

“ Dear Charlie, Deb, Scott, Allison and family,

We are all so very sorry to hear of the loss of Ellen. We will always remember and treasure all of the wonderful memories we shared together on Lake Penage. Know that you are deeply in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Sending lots hugs your way.

With Love,

Ruth Heim

Ruth Heim - January 13, 2016 at 09:46 AM

AD

“ Charlie and Ellen were great meal companions for Joe and I at Bell Trace. We had the opportunity to get to know them and share a small portion of our lives. I will miss her and hope to be able to keep in touch with Charlie.

Amy Denekamp

Amy Denekamp - January 12, 2016 at 03:48 PM

TC

“ We send our deepest sympathies to Ellen's family. We will always remember Ellen as a talented photographer, a gracious and generous hostess, devoted wife, mother and grandmother. We have several of her photos framed and exhibited in our home. She will be remembered and missed! Tess and Jeff Cook



Tess Cook - January 12, 2016 at 12:15 PM