



Cecelia Cushing

September 18, 1917 - November 8, 2018

Cecelia (Farr) Cushing, Goshen, died 8:10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018 at Goshen Hospital. She was born on Sept. 18, 1917 to Walker Brice and Hazel (Davids) Farr on her maternal grandmother's farm in Wells County, near the town of Van Buren, IN. She moved to Elkhart in 1925 and was a 1935 graduate of Elkhart High School.

In 1940, she married M/Sgt. Edwin Robinson Cushing, also of Elkhart. Following WWII in 1947, Cecelia and her husband moved to Goshen where they built their home. Edwin became an established insurance agent for Equitable Life Insurance. Her husband died of a war related injury in 1949, leaving Cecelia to raise their two children, Ann Bryce Cushing, who survives her, and William Walker Cushing, who preceded her in death in 1990 after spending many years of his life as a quadriplegic due to an automobile accident at age 19.

After graduating from business school, she worked as a secretary for Selmer Musical Instruments, and DuMore Office Furniture, Elkhart and Boy's Club (now the Boys' and Girls' Club) of Goshen. For many years, she was also secretary and office manager for Equitable Life Insurance agent, J. Jay Ellinger, Goshen.

Cecelia joined St. James Episcopal Church, Goshen in 1948, when the Rev. Bruce Mosier was rector. She served for over 60 years on both altar guild and vestry, as well as actively assisting with its annual cheese ball program. She was an avid supporter of the Friends of the Library, and especially enjoyed working on its fundraising book sales. Cecelia was a long-time member of the Delphians study group. She was an enthusiastic bridge and euchre player and participated in many local tournaments.

In addition, Cecelia enjoyed tap dancing, which she took up as a hobby shortly after her retirement. She and her dancing partners, Betty Jo Yoder and Phyllis Bower, competed together and won three senior tap-dancing statewide contests. They even made special appearances at many local events. Cecelia maintained many close relationships with her Elkhart High School classmates, whom she enjoyed meeting each month at their "Class of '35" lunches. At age 101, she was one of the few remaining members of that class.

After the death of her son, whom she cared for at home, she traveled widely, visiting Germany, Italy, Great Britain, Ireland, New Zealand, and Hawaii with her daughter, as well as traveling to Alberta and British Columbia, the Caribbean, Venezuela, Panama, the

French Riviera, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, and Thailand. She enjoyed many bus trips to museums in Chicago, Indianapolis, Grand Rapids, Detroit, and Toledo, as well as tours of Nova Scotia, New England, the National Parks of the West, and Washington, D.C. Many of these tours were organized by the intrepid Mary Jane Hiles. Cecelia was also interested in nature and was a part of a nature study group led by the dear Maureen Neterer.

A memorial service will be held at St. James Episcopal Church, 105 S. 6th St., Goshen on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 11 a.m.

All of her friends and acquaintances are most welcome to attend this service of remembrance and joy. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. James Episcopal Church.

Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be sent at www.rrefh.com

Events

DEC **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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St. James Episcopal Church
105 S. Sixth St., Goshen, IN, US, 46528

Comments



“ Ann, with sadness I just learned of the passing of your Mother. I learned many things I did not know when I read the obituary. She was truly an amazing woman. She lived a long and full life, but will be missed. It's still hard to accept the inevitable. We've known each other for a long time and you have my sympathy and prayers.

Ray Deahl

Ray Deahl - December 07, 2018 at 05:33 PM



“ I served with Cecelia in The Friends of the Goshen Public Library, spending many Monday mornings sorting books with her & selling books at our book sales. I enjoyed our conversations. At our Christmas luncheon the other day, the Friends raised a glass to toast Cecelia's memory. She was an asset to the community and we send our condolences to her family. Karla Rieth, Friends of GPL

Karla Rieth - December 07, 2018 at 03:19 PM



“ Ann - We want to express our sympathy and let you know that our thoughts are with you.

And, as your Mom said, "That goes for your damn cat, too!"

Judd, Marley, and Kyle

Judd Forbes - December 01, 2018 at 01:28 PM



“ Ann, my mother Kathryn Berkey and brother Dan Berkey will welcome her with open arms. Can't find the words to say how much she meant to all of us. We are in Florida and will not be able to attend the memorial service but please know I'll be there in spirit. You were such a great daughter to her. God bless you. Jane Berkey Bailey

Jane Berkey Bailey - November 16, 2018 at 04:40 PM



“ Ann, we remember your mother as vibrant, energetic, and always interested in us! We will not be in Goshen in December. We send our love and light to you, Ann.

Sally Jo & Ron



Sally Jo Milne - November 15, 2018 at 08:48 AM



“ We were most fortunate to reside next door to Cecelia for 10 years. She enriched our lives in many ways through her enjoyment of life, gardening, cooking and positive outlook, that rarely seemed to be daunted through the ups and downs of her lifetime. We have never, since those days on Gra-Roy Drive, found a more amiable, unique person and neighbor that added more perspective on the way to enjoy our existence to the fullest.

Thank you Cecelia, for a life well lived.

Mike, Evie and Andy Hostetler

Evie Hostetler - November 12, 2018 at 12:06 PM



“ No other place then at a bridge table will I remember her best. She was vibrant funny and a very caring person. I appreciate her caring and thoughtfulness to my sister and her family. Enjoy seeing everyone up there in that wonderful place called heaven!!

peggy mitchell - November 12, 2018 at 08:39 AM