



Helen Goodyear Barrier

December 31, 1923 - December 18, 2020

Helen Goodyear Barrier of Louisville, KY was called away to join her late husband, Edward Martin Barrier, the morning of December 18. She was born in Mullins, SC to Rupert and Estalena Goodyear.

Helen received a BS in Library Science from Winthrop University while minoring in the organ. While in college, she also played tennis and basketball. After graduation, she worked in New York City, then at Duke University where she met Martin, a P-38 fighter pilot in WWII. Marrying in 1948, they eventually discovered a resting place for their hearts in Louisville, KY. During this time, Helen received her Master's in Library Science from Spalding University and worked as a school librarian for Jefferson County Public Schools until her retirement. She was active in The Kentucky Association of School Librarians. Helen was a loyal member of St. Paul Methodist Church for 63 years where she served in many capacities, her favorites being the church librarian and rocking babies in the nursery. Helen was highly skilled at counted cross-stitch tapestries, played tennis into her 70s, and even had a social circle at the gym she frequented well into her 90s. She was also an avid bridge player throughout her adult life, and played a major role in upholding traditions in her immediate family, and will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her daughter, Rebecca Nelson (Jim) of Georgetown; her grandsons, Barry Saturday (Barno) and Mark Stephens; her great-granddaughters, Athena and Aurora Saturday; her sister-in-law, Juanita Goodyear; her nieces, Judy Gould (Steve) and Carolyn Horton (Bill); her nephews, Marion Goodyear (Pat) and Martin Underwood (Lori) as well as her precious poodle, Rosie. Helen is predeceased by her daughter, Helen Virginia "Ginger" Elliott, and her husband of 46 years, Edward "Martin" Barrier.

Memorial arrangements are pending. There will be a service at a later date, when all can gather safely to celebrate Helen's life. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to ASPCA (www.asPCA.org) or St. Paul Methodist Church (2000 Douglass Blvd. Louisville, Ky. 40205)

Comments



“ I'm glad to see she had a good, long life. Mrs. Barrier introduced me to a British author's work when I was just a freshman. It turned out to be a perfect match & that author is still my favorite today! I hope you all have wonderful memories to keep her spirit alive & warm. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

L. Dianne (Tuell) Jewell

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“ The Jeffersontown High School Alumni Assocation is saddened by the loss of Helen Barrier. She was a mighty force in the Jeffersontown High School library for many years. There, she guided students in research and book choices and assisted teachers with classroom information and visual aids. She was an essential part of building an outstanding educational institution which continues to change the lives of young people. She will be missed.

Myra Fugate - December 31, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ Deepest sympathy on your loss. I always enjoyed watching she and the dog going for their trip through the subdivision. Prayers for your family
Alex Freeman

Alex Freeman - December 27, 2020 at 06:07 PM