



Graceann Heller Reese

February 2, 1939 - April 2, 2014

Graceann Heller Reese, wife of John Benton Reese, mother of Jane Beth Reese, Emily Grace Collins, and Sarah Jo Luzny, passed away after a short battle with leukemia in Scottsdale, Arizona, Wednesday, April 2, 2014.

Graceann had residences on County Road M1 and her ancestral family home on West Washington Street in Napoleon.

She was born February 2, 1939, to Ruth Elizabeth Heller and Edwin Honeck in Napoleon. She is a descendent of the Heller family, pioneer merchants and business people in Napoleon. She was a graduate of Napoleon High School and was an art major at Bowling Green State University.

Graceann married John Benton Reese in St. Paul Methodist Church on December 28, 1960. During her active life she participated in golf and bowling leagues, Girl Scouts, 4H, and many other youth activities. She was owner and Chief Executive Officer of R.B. Heller & Co., a downtown Napoleon hardware, gift, appliance, and toy store in the 1970's and 80's. During this time she was very active in the Downtown Merchants Association and Napoleon Chamber of Commerce. She and her husband own GraBen LCC, a commercial real estate firm. Mr. and Mrs. Reese also are co-trustees of the John B. and Graceann H. Reese Foundation, a family charitable foundation that makes grants to numerous local and national causes. Graceann was a member of First Presbyterian Church where she served on the Session and was active in numerous church activities.

Graceann is survived by her husband, John Benton Reese; daughters, Jane

Beth, Emily Grace (Jack) Collins, and Sarah Jo (Christopher) Luzny; and grandsons, Benton Ross Collins, John Christopher Luzny, and Dalton Russ Collins; sister, Mary (Robert) Joseph; brother, Bruce Honeck; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial service will held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 19, 2014 at First Presbyterian Church, Napoleon with a time for fellowship to follow.

Preferred charitable donations are suggested to First Presbyterian Church, Ovarian Cancer Society, Filling Memorial Home, or Henry County Historical Society.

Online condolences may be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

EC

“ *it was one year ago, we miss you Mom, but so many happy memories to remember you by, Love you and miss you, Emily*

emily collins - April 02, 2015 at 09:07 PM

PM

“ *Dear Ben and Daughters- I was saddened to learn of the loss of Graceann. She was a lovely and gracious person who will be missed. May the thoughts of others who understand your sorrow, give you strength today and bring new comfort for tomorrow. May she rest in peace in the arms of our loving Saviour. May God comfort you during the days ahead.*

Jim joins me in sending our love and deepest sympathy.

Jim and Patricia Meyer Circleville, OH

Patricia Leonard Meyer - April 29, 2014 at 06:06 PM

BE

“ *Our sincere sympathies for your loss of Graceann. She was one brave soul as she fought that cancer. How we shall miss all the contributions she made to our community and her church. May God's blessings be with you.*

Bonnie and John Eddy - April 20, 2014 at 03:27 PM

MF

“ I extend my sympathies to Graceann's family. She holds a special place in my family's hearts because of her kindness and support to us during the time my sister, Sarah, was fighting her battle with ovarian cancer. Graceann was always upbeat and caring. What a lovely person!

-- Melissa Peper Firestone, and the rest of the Peper family

Melissa Peper Firestone - April 18, 2014 at 08:02 AM

CH

“ Prayers to the Reese family! So sorry for your loss!

Chris (Bair) Hesterman



Chris Hesterman - April 15, 2014 at 01:28 PM

AC

“ Graceann will always hold a special place in our hearts. What great memories we all have from over 50 years of fun! Sending love and hugs from the Tietjens / Crutch families

Amy Copher - April 15, 2014 at 04:05 AM

LR

“ Lynne Ramey lit a candle in memory of Graceann Heller Reese



Lynne Ramey - April 13, 2014 at 08:27 PM

GN

“ Gary And Sue Nye lit a candle in memory of
Graceann Heller Reese



Gary and Sue Nye - April 11, 2014 at 07:10 PM

JV

“ John And Sheila Vajen lit a candle in memory
of Graceann Heller Reese



John and Sheila Vajen - April 11, 2014 at 07:09 PM

RD

“ Roger Von Deylen lit a candle in memory of
Graceann Heller Reese



Roger Von Deylen - April 08, 2014 at 06:27 AM