



Louisa Strock

February 14, 1916 - April 26, 2014

Hannah Louisa M. Strock, 98, passed away Saturday, April 26th just hours after a brief ceremony by Northwest State officials naming her Coordinator Emeritus of the Center for Lifelong Learning at the College.

She was born in Liberty Center, Ohio on February 14, 1916, the daughter of John and Emma (Crozier) Mires. In 1934 she married Frederick Bonner and in 1944 she married Cecil Strock. Both preceded her in death.

Louisa graduated as valedictorian of her 1933 class from Liberty Center High school, was a 1937 graduate of Ohio State University and in 1968, after raising her six children, earned her master's degree from Bowling Green State University.

She was a lifelong educator teaching primarily in the Liberty Center Public Schools and at Northwest State Community College. Whether she was teaching French, vocal music, composition or serving as drama coach, she gave her best and expected nothing less in return. An accomplished pianist, she taught hundreds of students to play the piano.

She was still filling the leadership role in the Center for Lifelong Learning at the College, a program she helped initiate 25 years ago. She was an active member and past president of Delta Kappa Gamma, an International honorary society for woman educators, and she was still active in the Henry County Arts Council and the Henry County Retired Teachers Association. In Liberty Center, she served on many citizen committees and was loyal to her community's book club. In the last decade, she spent much of her time at her

computer, editing others' memoirs, newsletters, and program copy.

For more than 30 years, she was active in the harness racing industry with her husband Cecil. She was a member of the Liberty Center United Methodist Church where she had been the organist and Sunday school teacher, frequently attended Malinta Memorial Methodist Church where she accompanied the choir, was a member of the former Liberty Center Union Rebekah Lodge, and was an avid supporter of many sports programs including the Liberty Center Tigers, the Ohio State Buckeyes and all things Detroit: Tigers, Lions, Pistons and Red Wings.

Surviving are her children - daughter- in-law Suzanne Bonner, Liberty Center; David (Charlene) Strock, Defiance; Cecily (Jerry) Rohrs, Archbold; John (Patty) Strock, Liberty Center; and Charlotte (Dudley) Shrider, Napoleon - and 14 grandchildren, 32 great- grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Two sons, Leon Bonner and "Jamie", preceded her in death, as did brothers J. "King" and David W. Mires.

A gathering to honor her life will be held at the Voinovich Auditorium inside the west entrance at Northwest State Community College from 1:30 to 8:00 on Saturday, May 3. A casual reception-style format is planned, with two scheduled breaks: the short Delta Kappa Gamma service at 1:30 and a memorial service at 3:30. A family committal service will be scheduled later in the Young Cemetery, Liberty Center.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the already-established Louisa M. Strock Scholarship fund at Bowling Green State University, the Liberty Center Library, or the Liberty Center Education Foundation.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon.

Cemetery Details

Young Cemetery

ST RTE 109

Liberty Center, OH 43532

Tribute Wall

KB

“ Dear Strock Family,
You have my sincere sympathy. I have so many Liberty Center related memories of Louisa that there are almost too many to list. She was an amazing woman and very respected in all that she did. Our community will miss her very much! The entire family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Kelly Bodenbender

Kelly Bodenbender - May 02, 2014 at 01:19 PM

LG

“ Mrs. Strock was truly a remarkable person in many ways. I will remember her as being a teacher to the very end. The times she came and helped me with the kindergarten children at Liberty Center learn French has always remained treasured memories. The one trip I was able to take with her with the lifelong studies at NWSCC gave me an incentive to continue to be always ready to learn something new everyday.

God Bless your family. You will miss her, but you have so many precious memories to fill your heart.

*Mrs. Gill
Retired Kindergarten Teacher
LC Schools*

Linda Gill - May 02, 2014 at 01:15 PM

PJ

“ To All of the Strock Family, You have My Deepest Sympathy, Phil Jaqua

Phil Jaqua - May 02, 2014 at 05:29 AM

JK

“ After I married into the Kessler family of Colton, I heard many stories through the years of Mrs. Strock and her remarkable life accomplishments. Jerry has fond memories of baling hay and straw in the 1950's out at their farm. As friends and former neighbors of Bonners, we would like Susie's family as well as the Strocks to know that we are thinking of all of you and Colton memories.
Janice and Jerry Kessler
Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Janice/Jerry Kessler - May 01, 2014 at 12:24 PM

SM

“ I will miss Mrs. Strock at Delta Kappa Gamma. She was a pillar of the teaching field. I know I became a teacher because of her qualities she invested in me. She was my piano teacher and always gave me positive feedback on how I could do better even if I was not very good. She was my English teacher at which I struggled with writing papers and spelling!! Drama was her specialty and I very much enjoyed the ones I participated in. She always gave 100 percent to her students and expected it back. That is another reason she was a great inspiration to me.
She will be truly missed. You have our sympathy, Sue Meyer

Sue Meyer - May 01, 2014 at 08:47 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Louisa Strock.



April 30, 2014 at 06:19 PM

DA

“ To the Strock Family, you have my deepest Sympathy. Dewey Agler

Dewey Agler - April 30, 2014 at 08:41 AM

AR

“ What an extraordinary woman...an amazing life well-lived. Having taught with Charlotte and having heard Cecily speak on several occasions, I know that her legacy lives on in her children. Louisa touched the lives of many in a positive way.

Arlene Rozevink - April 29, 2014 at 04:35 PM

RG

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Louisa, I had the honor and privilege of teaching with her for 15 years at Liberty Center and also a few years at what was known as Northwest Technical College at the time. We laughed, we argued and we cried together. She was a very strong force in the Liberty Center School District and I had a great deal of respect for her. I didn't always agree with her but I knew we were friends after a discussion. She will be greatly missed.
Roger Gardner

Roger Gardner - April 28, 2014 at 12:09 PM



“ To the Strock family So sorry for your loss. What a great lady. Loved talking to her when I worked at NSCC. She will be missed by many.

Carol Andrews-Feehan - April 28, 2014 at 10:39 AM

TO

“ Over many years my Mom, Gertrude (Mires) Overmier and her "Northern Cousin" Louisa kept in touch via the US Postal Service, but each of these ladies being what they were, in Mom's last several years, of her ninety, she and Louisa kept in touch via e-mail. That is just how they were made, keep up or get out of the way women. Luckily for me, Louisa kept in touch with me even after Mom passed. I will always have fond memories of the articulate stories Louisa sent and her wonderful additions to my understanding of my Mires heritage.

Tom Overmier - April 27, 2014 at 11:18 AM

DP

What a great legacy your mother left and she gave so many of her talents to her daughters, thinking of you at this time of transition. Sincerely, Darlene Polasek

Darlene Polasek - April 28, 2014 at 02:46 PM

NN

My sincerest sympathies to Louisa's family. I will always remember Louisa as such a good friend to my mother, Elizabeth Boomgarden. They were great pals, especially at Delta Kappa Gamma events. I will never forget when Louisa and other gals from Delta Kappa Gamma visited California and stayed with us in our home. We had such a good time together and made many fond memories. The special memory I will always treasure is what Louisa wrote about my mother for the DKG service that was held when my mother passed away. Louisa had a special gift of writing. May your memories of Louisa help you through this difficult time knowing she is at peace with her Heavenly Father. Blessings, Nancy (Boomgarden) Norman

Nancy Norman - May 08, 2014 at 02:02 PM