



Eleanor Jane Gove

September 22, 1915 - June 20, 2015

Eleanor Jane Gove, age 99, of Columbus and Urbana, passed away on Saturday, June 20, 2015, surrounded by family at Vancrest of Urbana. She was born on September 22, 1915, to Mary Elizabeth Karg Rooney and Thomas Rooney in Springfield, Ohio. She was a 1933 graduate of Urbana High School and married Roger Madden Gove in 1938.

Jane was instrumental in her husband Roger's accomplishments in his long term career in the field of mental health and disabilities. Together they were among the founders of the Council for Retarded Children in Franklin County in which they were active for many years. Jane was a long-time member of Parkview United Methodist Church in Columbus and, more recently, became a member of the Urbana United Methodist Church upon moving to Hearth and Home.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Gladys Hunter, husband Roger, daughter Joann, and son Jon.

She is survived by daughters, Janet (David) Dye of Mutual, OH, and Judith Gove of Grove City, OH; daughter-in-law, Aurelia Gove; as well as nieces, Ginny Petty and Harriet Yelin. She adored and was adored by her 9 grandchildren: Jennifer (Ken) Miller, Rebecca (Ron) Heron, Stephen (Rebecca) Dye, Amy (Scott) Blanton, Sarah (Paul) Kelly, Daniel (Yasmin) Dye, Kevin (Emmanuelle) Webb, Jon B. (Carrie) Gove and Bryan (Jill) Gove; and 28 great-grandchildren: Andrew, Carrie, Thomas and Emilie Miller; Ben, Annie, Katie, Nate, Will and John-David Heron; Ashley, David, Isaac, Abby

and Zach Dye; Joselyn Gove; Ellie, Maggie, Jon Luke and Samuel Blanton; Montgomery and Margaux Webb; Garrison Gove; Phineas, Zane and Frances Kelly; Eliza and Nathalie Dye. She is also survived by many Rooney and Karg cousins.

She will be remembered as one having a true servant's heart by all who knew her, especially her grateful family.

Friends may call Friday, June 26, 2015 from 5-7 p.m. at Walter & Stowe Funeral Home, 642 S. Main St., Urbana, and Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Urbana United Methodist Church, 238 N. Main St., Urbana. A celebration of Jane's nearly 100 years will be held at 10:30 a.m. at Urbana United Methodist Church. Interment at Maple Grove Cemetery in Mechanicsburg, Ohio. Memorial contributions may be made to Franklin County Residential Services, 1021 Checkrein Ave., Columbus, OH 43229.

The family wishes to express appreciation to the several doctors, the staff of Hearth and Home of Urbana, and the staff of Vancrest of Urbana for their loving and efficient care.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.walterfunerals.com.

Cemetery Details

Maple Grove Cemetery

Mechanicsburg, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 26. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Walter & Stowe Funeral Home
642 South Main Street
Urbana, OH 43078
(937) 653-4227
<http://www.walterfunerals.com>

Visitation

JUN 27. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Urbana United Methodist Church
238 N. Main St.
Urbana, OH

Service

JUN 27. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Urbana, OH

Tribute Wall

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“ *My husband's grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Carson, worked for Dr. Gove. She always spoke highly of Dr. and Mrs. Gove. When I saw the obituary in the paper, I knew I had to write. My husband and I have been married almost 45 years and Mrs. Gove sent a gift to us for our wedding. We are still using the towels and washcloths. Mary Carson retired in 1974.*

Karen Pairan

Karen Pairan - July 08, 2015 at 09:18 PM

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“ *Dear Janet and Family, My sincere sympathy to you in the recent loss of your beloved Mother. Carole Huxtable, New Castle, Delaware.*

Carole Huxtable - July 01, 2015 at 09:15 AM

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“ *1 file added to the album Goves and Stoddards*



Ken Stoddard - June 27, 2015 at 10:39 AM

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Ken Stoddard - June 27, 2015 at 06:26 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ken Stoddard - June 26, 2015 at 06:25 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Goves and Stoddards



Jo Ann McNeil - June 26, 2015 at 10:07 AM

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“ Dearest Gove and Dye Families,

I am Jo Ann Stoddard McNeil, youngest daughter of Geneva and Harold Stoddard, dear friends of Janie and Roger. What a close and loving friendship those 4 had! When I heard about Janie's condition a few months ago, I sent occasional prayers to God to comfort her and guide her peacefully and joyfully to a reunion with Roger, Joann, Jon, Geneva and Harold. I am so glad she is with them again. Their love surrounds her now.

As you may know, Roger and Janie and Harold and Geneva were witnesses for their respective weddings, and they kept a special bond throughout their years, including having kids at about the same time! My parents always enjoyed visits with Janie and Roger, celebrating anniversaries, visits to the cabin, and just enjoying each other. I think I remember seeing pictures of camping trips! As kids we would connect with Jon, Janet, Joann and Judy in some way or other. In these later years, as adults, the Stoddard kids got to know Janie and Roger better. When my Dad (Harold) passed away, Roger and Janie were there for Mom as much as they could be. Mom's last visit with them was October 20, 2006, at Hearth and Home. A few weeks later, both Mom and Roger were gone. What a hole in Janie's life, but what light and spirit she extended to others in the years since.

I've lived in Iowa for a few years now, but whenever I'd come back to Ohio for visits with friends, I would try to include a visit to Janie – it was always fun to hear her stories about the early days of her friendship with Mom. I still have close friends from my teenage years, so I know how important this is. Also, Janie's Mom, "Mrs. Rooney" as we knew her, was a friend of Mom's, and part of Mumford's potato chips – which I didn't realize until much later in my life. (Geneva's Dad was Asa Mumford, who started Mumford's Potato Chips). So those stories were important to me/us, too.

I know the sadness of losing someone so dear. I also know the love

and joy from being part of such a wonderful family. Our two families are blessed because of our parents (and grandparents), but also because of the bond they shared with each other. The Gove family will always be a part of the Stoddard family.

I am sorry to not be able to be there to meet you in person. Just know that my thoughts and love are with you all as you transition to life without Eleanor Jane Gove.

*Sincere sympathies,
Jo Ann Stoddard McNiel*

Jo Ann Stoddard McNiel - June 25, 2015 at 06:56 AM