



Alice M. Gates

November 27, 1921 - January 1, 2014

Alice M. Gates passed away on January 1, 2014, at Genesis Healthcare The Pines in Easton, MD. She was 92 years old.

Born to the late Frank and Minnie Gates on November 27, 1921, Alice was one of five daughters who grew up on a small dairy farm in Muskegon, MI.

She graduated from high school at the age of 16, after spending eight early grades attending a one-room schoolhouse, the Maple Ridge School in Muskegon. In 2004, at the age of 83, Alice established an endowment fund through the Community Foundation for Muskegon County for the long-term restoration and maintenance of that Maple Ridge Historic School Building.

In 1942, Alice began a 36-year career with the Federal Government with her first assignment as a G-2 Clerk Typist with the U.S. Army. She later held posts at the Department of Defense and the Department of the Navy. The majority of her career was spent supporting systems analysts with the implementation and design of government computer systems which required travel to Army, DOD and U.S. Navy installations all over the United States and also some trips abroad.

In 1958, Alice accepted a two-year assignment at a U.S. Army Facility located in Orleans/Poitier, France, in support of U.S. forces in Africa and

Europe. During this time she traveled widely throughout the area, visiting Germany, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, and several other countries. She attended the 1958 Brussels World Fair, telling everyone she met that she was proud to be serving her country overseas.

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Alice was a sports enthusiast throughout her life. She bowled and played basketball, golf and softball. From 1943 to 1945, she was a distinguished fastball pitcher with the Army Signal Corps/ Philadelphia Girl's Industrial League and was awarded the Player of The Year Award in 1944 by the Philadelphia Record Newspaper. For this honor, Alice received a softball signed by Connie Mack and Herb Pennock, managers of the Philadelphia Athletics and Philadelphia Phillies Baseball teams at the time, and a prized Player's Jacket that has been on display at Big Bats Cafe in Stevensville, MD, for many years. Alice cherished these items, and they will be donated, in her honor, to the U.S. Women's Softball Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, OK.

Alice spent her retirement years at her home on the water in Chester, MD, before a decline in her health required a move to William Hill Manor in Easton. She enjoyed boating and crabbing on the Chesapeake Bay. She stayed busy volunteering for several Queen Anne's County senior citizen organizations and was a Lifetime Member of the Queen Anne's County Commission on

Aging, serving two terms as Commission President. Until the time of her passing, Alice maintained active membership in N.A.R.F.E. and provided ongoing financial support to numerous local and national charities.

Alice is survived by her two nieces, Nancy Kubon and Debra Jenson, and a nephew, Scott Kubon, all of Muskegon, MI. Along with her parents, Alice was predeceased by her four sisters, Beatrice Gates, Phyllis Gates, Virginia Martin and Evelyn Kubon.

A Memorial Service will be held at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Chester, MD, on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, at 3:00 p.m., where friends may gather an hour before.

Burial will be private at Laketon Township Cemetery, Muskegon, MI at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Queen Anne's County Department of Aging, or the Maple Ridge School Fund of the Muskegon County, Michigan.

Online condolences may be made at www.fhnfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Alice M. Gates* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 30, 2022 at 08:38 PM



“ *Alice M. Gates* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Alice M. Gates* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Alice M. Gates* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

JE

“ I've known Alice only for the past few years, and I am so sorry to hear of her passing. She was a great, knowledgeable lady with a strong personality and I admired that! We only talked a few times a year regarding her insurances, but I looked forward to those conversations. Rest in peace dear Alice. You will be missed. My condolences to the family.



Jenn - February 06, 2014 at 08:25 AM

TH

“ Dear Nancy, Debra, and Scott

We in your Aunt Alice's NARFE Family want you to know that we're thinking about you and are reaching out to extend our heartfelt condolences to you and your family at this difficult time.

NARFE Laurel Chapter 422

Theresa - January 09, 2014 at 07:37 PM

SQ

“ Sara Quinn lit a candle in memory of Alice M. Gates



Sara Quinn - January 08, 2014 at 07:43 AM

LM

“ Our deepest sympathy on your loss.

NARFE Chapter 1519

Linda Minghini - January 08, 2014 at 01:05 AM

WE

“ Miss Gates was a wonderful lady and knowledgeable person, which I will greatly missed.

Wendy Gilbert

Wendy - January 07, 2014 at 04:01 PM

LP

“ Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Alice M. Gates



Lynda Palmatary - January 06, 2014 at 01:28 PM

LP

Will always remember Ms. Alice for the love she showed to others. She would always help with the Cancer Golf Tournaments and other tournaments at Prospect Bay Country Club. Ms. Alice you will surely be missed by many and heaven has surely received another angel. God Bless, Lynda Palmatary, Centreville, Md.

Lynda Palmatary - January 06, 2014 at 01:30 PM

JS

“ Miss Gates was great lady and I am glad I had the chance to say she was my friend. I got to know her from work.

jeanne smith - January 06, 2014 at 10:23 AM

RG

“ Alice lived up the street from us. She had an interesting life. She lived in France for a couple of years, and went to Iran & (I believe) Japan & all over the US for her work for the Defense Department. She could tell good stories. Joy & Bob Good

Robert Good - January 05, 2014 at 04:21 PM

JA

“ Jane Anthony lit a candle in memory of Alice M. Gates



Jane Anthony - January 03, 2014 at 01:23 PM

BL

“ Beth Lacey sent a virtual gift in memory of Alice M. Gates



Beth Lacey - January 03, 2014 at 07:47 AM

DJ

Thank you, her niece, Debi Jensen (Muskegon, MI)

Debi Jensen - January 03, 2014 at 01:41 PM

HB

“ Known Miss Alice a long time. So sorry to hear of her passing. She was a wonderful lady, full of life, and spirited and always ready for a laugh! Rest In Peace Miss Alice!

Holly Baker - January 02, 2014 at 12:20 PM



*Thank you, she will be sadly missed. Her niece, Debi Jensen,
Muskegon, MI*

Debi Jensen - January 03, 2014 at 01:42 PM