



Majel S. Lence

December 20, 1921 - November 2, 2012

Majel S. Lence of Easton, MD, born December 20, 1921, in Mount Ayr, IA, the eldest child of L. Ray and Lottie (Black) Stephens, passed away on Friday, November 2, 2012, at Memorial Hospital at Easton.

Majel grew up in the Mount Ayr area. After graduation, she refused to succumb to the devastation the Great Depression had taken on the family finances and proceeded to work her way through college. She earned a teaching certification(s) for elementary school, often teaching in rural one-room school houses. It was during her college years she met the love of her life, Richard H. Lence. They met on Valentine's Day 1944, and, after committing to a long engagement, were married on November 28, the same year. Together they built an amazing life together, working, traveling abroad, and most importantly loving and supporting each other.

After Richard passed away, Majel's work brought her to the Eastern Shore of Maryland. At the age of 64, she began her USPS career, taking pride in her job, and continuing to work for 15 years before deciding to retire.

Anyone meeting Majel was immediately impressed with her positive attitude and immense generosity. Her heart far exceeded the confines of her body. This lovely lady was a true example of elegance and sophistication, while at the same time remaining a humble servant of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Majel was pre-deceased by her husband; parents; two sisters, Joyce Upchurch and Delores Jean Stephens; and three brothers, John Vernon, Gary Lee, and Alonzo Donald Stephens.

Survivors include her brother, L. Thomas Stephens of Des Moines, IA; a sister, Marguerite Burke of Burnsville, MN; one niece, Abbie Burke-Herzog; and three nephews, John R. Burke, Stephen A. Upchurch, and John T. Upchurch; and a multitude of cousins and friends who will always cherish the memories made by spending time with her.

Friends may call Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. , 200 S. Harrison. St., Easton, MD 21601 on Thursday, November 8, from 5-6:30 p.m., where a funeral service will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Interment will take place in Jonesboro, IL.

Cemetery Details

Jonesboro Cemetery

Jonesboro, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Easton Location
200 S Harrison St
Easton, MD 21601
(410) 822-3131
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

NOV 8. 6:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Majel S. Lence* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 15, 2023 at 08:13 PM



“ *Majel S. Lence* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Majel S. Lence* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Majel S. Lence* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Ted Glinski lit a candle in memory of Majel S. Lence* ”



Ted Glinski - December 06, 2012 at 02:25 PM

GL

“ *Glinski lit a candle in memory of Majel S. Lence*



Glinski - December 06, 2012 at 02:17 PM

DC

“ *My Majel: What in the world am I going to do without you? Words cannot adequately express how much I have missed you this past week, or how much I love you. The last 25 years it has been an honor and a privilege to be part of your life. You have taught me so much! Heaven gained the most beautiful of all angels when you entered the gates. Please continue to watch over Josh and I and guide us. Love Dee*

Dee Collins - November 09, 2012 at 10:59 AM

DC

“ *Dee Collins lit a candle in memory of Majel S. Lence*



Dee Collins - November 09, 2012 at 10:47 AM

RL

“ Dear, dear Majel. I have so many fond memories of you and Dick. Our year in Hawaii when you two befriended our young family: You and Jane taking Hula lessons while Dick and I learned to play the Ukelele. Such fun and such great memories! And meeting you and Dick in New York where we saw "A funny thing Happened on the Way to the Forum", and Dick's laugh was so contagious, that we were almost rolling in the aisles! We mourned with you at Dick's passing. Good-bye dear one. Please say hello to Jane when you see her!

Roy Linsenmeyer

Roy Linsenmeyer - November 08, 2012 at 12:06 PM

JS

“ We will always remember Majel for her graciousness and positive outlook regardless of the circumstances. I am confident that her can-do positive approach to life was of considerable value to her late husband and my second cousin. Dick was brilliant as evidenced by his academic achievements, work with naval intelligence and as an executive with Westinghouse. Majel was there so support him and he in support of her. He was indeed the love of her life and she of his life. Majel lived with us for three months or longer when Dick was cared for at Mayo. This provided an opportunity to get to know her even better and to increasingly appreciate her graciousness, wide ranging interests, Faith and positive outlook in all that she did. I have thought of her many times since her passing and will in the future remember our conversations and the spirit in which she embraced life and her relationship with friends and family.

John Stroehlein, MD

John R. Stroehlein - November 07, 2012 at 02:22 PM

JD

Majel had the gift of hospitality. She always made my husband and my self feel welcome at her home. Ever the conversationalist, and gracious host. We will miss her beautiful smile.

Jean and Tom Dorr

Jean Dorr - November 07, 2012 at 07:38 PM

BP

“ *So sad to have you leave us Majel. Love to you and thank you for being such a gift to my father. Love from Bonnie Purvis and sons.*

Bonnie Purvis - November 06, 2012 at 08:47 AM

BP

It makes us sad to think you are gone, but we find comfort knowing you are in the arms of Almighty God. You were wonderful to know and we will miss you terribly. Though tiny, you were filled to the top with love and mirth. Love for you will always be in our hearts.

*Much Love,
Robert, Bobbi and Matthew Purvis*

bobbi purvis - November 06, 2012 at 11:16 AM

BP

Imagine my surprise yesterday, Majel, when I got my mail.. you had continued these many years to send me the same subscription that my Dad had sent all those years... a year's subscription to Guide Post magazine for Christmas. So many years have gone by since we lost my Dad. I know he was in your heart every single day. I am sorry to see his name was left off the obituary but I know you both loved each other tremendously. Love, Bonnie

Bonnie Purvis - November 07, 2012 at 12:59 PM

KB

Majel was always uplifting. She could turn a thorn into a rose. If she sensed you were down she would cheer you up. Always looking for those who needed something, she would find them and always have a story to make you feel better. Lots of fun to work with. Glad she was part of my life. You are missed.

Karen H Bryson

Karen H Bryson - November 07, 2012 at 06:07 PM

TM

*Dear Aunt Majel, the optimistic girl. no one could fail if they tried. If they tried and had fallen, Aunt Majel would help. Then they would have to try again and again. Our GOD will bless that spirit.... will bless that girl. We sure will miss that girl. we will miss her very much. Thanks Majel the trip was exciting. Glad you were my aunt. We will see you again!
Terry McDowell & family.*

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Terry McDowell - November 08, 2012 at 10:21 PM

TM

SEE YOU ON THE NEXT PLANE!!.....Terry McDowell.

Terry McDowell - November 08, 2012 at 10:31 PM