



Gertrude Davis Lindsay

May 3, 1921 - December 2, 2017

Gertrude Davis “Gigi” Lindsay, 96, of Eltham (New Kent), Virginia went to Heaven peacefully on the early morning of December 2, 2017 at home with a warm embrace from her children and grandchildren. How fitting it is that we are able to celebrate her life during the Christmas Season, her favorite time of year. Gigi was born on the farm in New Kent County on May 3, 1921. She grew up bagging potatoes during the Great Depression, milking “Bessie” the cow (who frequently knocked off her glasses with her tail), and playing with her dollhouse before it fell off the potato truck during the family move to the new farmhouse in Eltham. As the 10th of 14 children, she learned from an early age the value of family, of hard work, and of sharing, three characteristics that would follow her throughout her lifetime, and which she would teach to her children and grandchildren. Gertrude graduated from New Kent High School in 1943 and went on to meet and marry the love of her life, Robbie Wilson Lindsay. After Robbie’s military service during WWII, they returned to Eltham and built a home in which they would raise children, grandchildren, and indirectly many other’s children. As a proud working mother, Gertrude would become an employee of Citizens and Farmer’s Bank at its founding branch in West Point and from that position learned to know nearly every person in West Point over a 25-year career.

After retirement, Gigi volunteered at the Riverside Nursing home in West Point almost every Tuesday for 25 years. She founded the “Lively Ladies” after the passing of her husband in 1990, originally organized as monthly support lunches of widowed women that continues today as a regular gathering of dear friends and relatives. Throughout her lifetime, she was a very active member of her beloved Tabernacle United Methodist Church, where she sat in the same pew every Sunday, and shared with her children and grandchildren the importance of loving Christ. She was a gardener, yearly picking butterbeans, snaps, and tomatoes, and keeping an immaculate yard full of green grass and the prettiest azaleas, which her husband planted during his lifetime. She never missed a sporting event, following her grandchildren’s activities from little league to high school, and on into their adulthood. She practiced the lost art of the hand-written note, sharing her condolences, her happiness, and her well wishes with so many that benefited from her grace. Her kitchen table was frequently a gathering place for her family and

friends to enjoy her wonderful home-cooking and loving conversation. All of this will be dearly missed.

Left to honor her legacy are her children Robbie Lindsay (Terri) and Susan Forbes (Dick), her grand-children, Laura, David, Christopher, Sean, and Tracy, and her great-grandchildren, Kyle, Justin, and Alex along with the newest joy in her life, little Madeline. Her remaining siblings include brother Boogie Davis, and special sister and dear friend, Lillian Blondak.

Friends and family will celebrate Gigi's life on Monday evening 5 to 7 p.m. at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, VA 23181. A Christmas celebration will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday in Tabernacle United Methodist Church, 20051 Tabernacle Road, Barhamsville, VA 23011. Burial and continued celebration will follow the service. Gigi would appreciate memorial contributions given to the Tabernacle United Methodist Church or the New Kent Educational Foundation.

Events

DEC **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel
417 11th St, West Point, VA, US, 23181

DEC **Christmas Celebration** 11:00AM

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Tabernacle United Methodist Church
20051 Tabernacle Road, Barhamsville, VA, US, 23011

Comments



“ Gertrude was a wonderful thoughtful lady I was sorry when she could no longer volunteer at Riverside West Point. So sorry for your loss.
Frances Carlton

frances Carlton - December 07, 2017 at 07:27 PM



“ The family was blessed to have her for all of her 96 years. Curtis Powers

Curtis Powers - December 07, 2017 at 12:24 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone and my deepest sympathy goes out to all. She will be missed in my shop by everyone . I will miss her very much she was such a joy to be with always so full of energy and always a stylist dresser. Hold on to your memories they will always kept her close. Steve and Judy Shaw

Judy Shaw - December 06, 2017 at 08:04 PM



“ Come across this photo of Aunt Gertrude and Aunt Lillian and thought I would share. A special lady, she will be missed.



Sally Haskins - December 06, 2017 at 03:28 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to family in the loss of their dear Mother. We would visit when I lived in Eltham. What a wonderful woman she was to all who knew her. Hold on to the good times and memories, for that is good to do.

Richard Kelley Parkes
Williamsburg, va

Richard Kelley Parkes - December 06, 2017 at 12:17 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Gertrude Davis Lindsay.



December 04, 2017 at 10:33 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Gertrude Davis Lindsay.



December 03, 2017 at 11:02 AM



“ A wonderful lady who shared life's meaning and values to all. She will be missed by so many who she touched. God has gotten a new fabulous angel to be by his side.

Robin and Rusty McMillan

Robin H McMillan - December 03, 2017 at 09:57 AM



“ As I was reading these wonderfully written words Christopher penned, I thought back to a time when I had butter beans at Gigi's table...and read about them.

A truly wonderful Lady, and a fitting tribute.

Ron Dickens - December 05, 2017 at 08:17 AM



“ Robin and Rusty McMillan purchased the Red & White Sympathy Standing Basket for the family of Gertrude Davis Lindsay.



Robin and Rusty McMillan - December 03, 2017 at 09:46 AM



“ Gertrude was the most amazing lady. So full of vitality and energy. She adored her family and was always so very proud of her grandchildren and their many accomplishments. Her compassion for others was very evident and her faithful service to her church unending. She will be missed by all. With heartfelt sympathy to the family from Joanne & Herbert Wilkerson

Joanne Wilkerson - December 03, 2017 at 08:50 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Gertrude Davis Lindsay.



December 03, 2017 at 08:46 AM



“ I shall remember her as a special Lady. She will be missed. May good memories help you all in the days ahead.

Janie Wampler - December 03, 2017 at 06:58 AM



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“ Dear Susan, Robbie and family,
I am so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Cherish all of your wonderful memories. I first met Gertrude back in the 1960's when I would go home after school with Susan and have a sleep over. She was always so kind and very hospitable. We had some really fun times. Then I had the pleasure of being a member of the Auxiliary of Riverside Convalescent Center with her. Again she was always very helpful.
With heartfelt sympathy,
Gloria Couch

Gloria Couch - December 02, 2017 at 08:36 PM



“ Gertrude was such a sweet soul and such an inspiration. She could run circles around most of us by exercising and keeping in shape. She lived each day to the fullest and set a great example for all around her. To say she will be missed would be an understatement, but there is no doubt she is having a wonderful reunion with loved ones in Heaven. Our condolences to her family. Jim and Regina Crouse

Regina Crouse - December 02, 2017 at 05:19 PM