



Gladys L Cunningham

March 10, 1919 - September 16, 2018

Gladys Lavon Cunnigham, of Dallas, Texas passed away on Sunday, September 16, 2018-at the age of 99.

She was born March 10, 1919 in Beulah, Kansas, the daughter of the late George and Mabel (nee Bowman) Bailey. She was the middle of five children; three brothers, Otto, Leo, Merle and sister, Lila Dabalack who all preceded her in death. Gladys married the love of her life, Keith in 1939. Keith preceded her in death August 3, 1992. Keith and Gladys briefly lived in Colorado before continuing west to the San Fernando Valley. They arrived in California shortly before the outbreak of WWII. Gladys worked at Lockheed on the electrical wiring of B17's bombers but later transferred to their Accounting Department. After leaving Lockheed, she became a licensed real estate broker. She also owned an accounting business. She worked for many years at Wells Industries and was a Member of the Board. Gladys was listed in the 1966 edition of "Who's Who of American Women." She was also employed by the Ebensteiner Company as an accountant; retiring in 1983. While with Ebensteiner, Gladys expanded her life-time commitment to community service as a board member of 'The Hospice of the Canyon', Mrs. Ebensteiner's charity. She was also a longtime volunteer with Phi Delta Sigma Service Organization and the United Cerebral Palsy/Spastic Children's Foundation where she was Grand President and State President, twice. Keith and Gladys loved to travel. They traveled abroad as well as circling the U.S., Canada and Mexico in RV's with close friends. Even after Keith's passing, Gladys continued her love of travel. She visited friends and family scattered across the country. She traveled to Alaska, and attended the Hot Air Balloon Festival in New Mexico. At age 85, she accompanied her grandniece on a trip to Ireland. In 2001, she decided to move to Texas in order to be closer to her family. Gladys is survived by her sister-in-law Rose Bailey of Girard, Ks. and many nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, and wonderful friends. In addition to her parents, husband, and siblings, she was preceded in death by sisters-in-law, Jessie Bailey, Evelyn Bailey, Fern Bailey, and brother-in-law, Albin Dabalack. A memorial to celebrate Gladys' life will be held at Sparkman / Hillcrest Funeral Home, 7405 West Northwest Highway, Dallas, TX at 3pm Friday, September 21, 2018. The family will receive friends from 1 to 3 pm, Friday, September 21, 2018 at the funeral home in Dallas, TX. The funeral will be held at Bath

Naylor Funeral Home, 104 W. Main Street, PO Box 337, Weir, Kansas 66781 at 3 pm, Wednesday, September 26, 2018. The family will receive friends from 1 to 3pm Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at the funeral home in Weir. Following the service, interment will be at Hosey Hill Cemetery in Weir, Kansas. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Gladys in a special way may direct memorials in her name to a charity of your choice. Condolences may be left at our web site www.bathnaylor.com.

Cemetery

Events

Hosey Hill

Weir, KS, 66781

SEP Visitation 01:00PM - 03:00PM

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SEP Service 03:00PM - 04:00PM

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Comments



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Gladys L Cunningham.



September 24, 2018 at 03:45 PM



“ When I think of Gladys, I think of her laugh and huge smile. I loved her sense of adventure and her love of travel. It was fun to hear about the wonderful places she was fortunate enough to visit. My fondest wish for her is that she's with her beloved Keith. My deepest condolences to her family. They love her and she'll be missed.



Sharee Snyder - September 24, 2018 at 03:31 PM



“ Aunt Gladys was an amazing person who was loved and admired by many. What I remember most about her was that she was always game to try or do anything and always up for an adventure. She truly had a zest for life that was unmatched by most. She accomplished many different things throughout her life; from installing wiring on B-17 Bombers during WWII, to being a board member of several corporations and becoming president of charitable organizations. She and Uncle Keith traveled to many different countries as well as to most of the U.S. states making new friends wherever she went. I was told recently that when she would meet anyone new, they instantly became a new friend to her and she treated them as such. She was very generous and helped many different causes as well as her friends and family members. She was certainly a “one-of-a-kind” woman and she will be greatly missed by everyone that knew her.

Dennis & Karen Dabalack - September 21, 2018 at 05:38 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Gladys L Cunningham.



September 21, 2018 at 02:16 PM



“ Aunt Gladys loved to have a good time and smile and laugh. I was always amazed when I heard about her many travels- she had such a sense of adventure. We shared a love of books and we would recommend titles to each other. I hope she and Uncle Keith are together again planning their next adventure together!

Kelli Durian - September 21, 2018 at 01:11 PM



“ My love of travel began when I traveled to Ireland with my Aunt Gladys. We had a wonderful time and I haven't stopped traveling since. She loved life and didn't believe in looking back with regrets. I only hope I can try to do the same. I will miss her greatly.

Amanda Zivkovic

Amanda Zivkovic - September 20, 2018 at 07:46 PM