



Carol Susan Bice

January 26, 1932 - March 19, 2015

Age 83, of Essex, IL passed away Thursday, March 19, 2015 at Heritage Health in Dwight, IL. Carol was born January 26, 1932 to the late Alex and Daisy Mae (nee Morse) Strachan.

She married Art Bice on June 25, 1949. He preceded her in death on May 14, 2004. Carol worked for 28 years for the U.S. Government; 24 years as a secretary and 4 years as a military family housing manager and as personal secretary to the squadron commander (Air Force recruiting squadron). After her retirement, she worked at the Fossil Ridge Public Library up until the time of her illness in 2008. She had a life-long passion for education. She completed two college degrees and had over 120 hours of college credits. She would always say “never stop learning, because it’s the only thing that can never be taken away from you.”

Surviving are her children, Mike (Luci) Bice of Essex and Cindy (Rick) Alderson of South Wilmington, IL; five grandchildren, Brandon (Lauren) Bice, Sara (Brett Grossman) Bice, Lindsay Bice, Cassie (Pat) Boudreau, and Amy (Mark) Lehnus; nine great-grandchildren, Taylor, Evan, Cara, Ryan, Holden, Josie, Maeve, Callie, and Niles; one brother, Jim (Marcia) Strachan of New Port Richey, FL; one sister, Gail (Bill) McKinley of El Paso, TX; three sisters-in-law, Ruby Strachan of Herscher, Aline Strachan of San Ramon, CA, and Jackie Bice of Essex.

Preceding her in death were her parents; three brothers, Cliff Strachan, Kenny Strachan, and Jerry Strachan; one sister, Daisy Mae Strachan; two brothers-in-law, Pete Bice and Bob Bice; and one sister-in-law, JoAnn Patterson.

Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to the Alzheimer's Association. Funeral services will be private and held at a later date. R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, Braidwood Chapel is entrusted with the arrangements.

Her family would appreciate any funny memories or stories be shared with them by a card or e-mail to be put into a family scrapbook. (Cindy @ P.O. Box 422, South Wilmington, IL 60474 or Mike @ P.O. Box 171, Essex, IL 60935).

Carol's final wish, in true testament to her love of education and selfless giving, was to donate her body to science so that others may continue to learn. "Never stop learning".

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Carol was a dear friend and neighbor. I loved her sense of humor and smile. Her daughter Cindy was my first piano student. Carol was enthusiastic about all she did and always a positive thinker. She will be missed. Blessings to her family and our deepest sympathy to Cindy and Mike and their families. Rena and Bob Snyder

Rena & Bob Snyder - March 23, 2015 at 05:33 PM

FP

“ Carol was my favorite she was a librarian when my son was growing up then i started workin at heritage and shared smiles with her again i would always take her to events going on at the home and she would follow me around while i worked i loved her dearly. My fondest memory is singing dean martins thats amore at 430 in the morning with her. She loved to sing and i loved to get her doing it she will be missed my deepest sympathy francine palmer

francine palmer - March 22, 2015 at 08:01 PM

JB

“ What everyone should know is that Carol was more than a sister to me. She was actually my second Mother who helped raise me though some very hard and challenging times. She was always giving while never asking for anything in return. It is so reassuring to know that she will hurt no more.

Her brother, Jim.

Jim Strachan, Brother - March 21, 2015 at 06:20 PM

DF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

It is sad that we learn so much about a person only after they are gone. I know she was a loving wife and mother but reading her obituary revealed how remarkable a lady she truly was.

I remember Art and Mike and Cindy. Also, of course, her brother Jimmy. All are fine people because of the love from Carol.

Her passing brings back many forgotten memories of growing up in Essex.

God Bless.

*Denis Fredrick
New Albany, Ohio*

Denis Fredrick - March 21, 2015 at 02:08 PM

JV

Carol was a thoroughly modern extraordinary woman. She was outspoken in her beliefs, uncompromising in her ideals, unfailingly friendly and helpful to all. She could and did work rings around her co workers especially me. She loved children and books and her unlimited enthusiasm for all things educational was an inspiration.

Janie Votta - March 24, 2015 at 03:12 PM

JB

Carol was always there if someone needed something. She never had a bad thing to say about anyone she was always so up beat. She will be missed by more people than any one can imagine

Joan Benson - March 26, 2015 at 12:45 PM