



Yvonne de la Croix Portier

September 11, 2017

Yvonne de la Croix Portier passed away peacefully in her home of 43 years (Gahanna, OH) on September 11th, 2017. Born May 27th, 1928 in Cheribon, Java to Ginevra and Napoleon de la Croix, later residing in Holland (The Netherlands). She married Swen Portier, then emigrated to the U.S. with five sons in 1957, originally settling in Columbus, then to Cambridge, OH. A mother of nine sons, Yvonne will be remembered as a true witness of God's strength and grace. Spending several years rearing as a single parent, she was the epitome of selfless motherhood, and a strong advocate for children and family. She retired from Kmart and Jo-Ann Fabrics as a faithful and longtime employee. Preceded in death by her parents, Napoleon and Ginevra (Hortence Schultz) de la Croix; previous spouse, Swen Portier; sisters, Jacqueline Winterkamp and Carla Popma, and brother, Armand "Boelie" de la Croix; sons, Edwin and Victor Portier. She is survived by her sister, Renee Bollemeijer and her brother, Kees de la Croix; sons, Glenn (Diana), Ralph (Peggy), Frank (Ellen), George, Andrew (Tara), Fitzgerald (Cyndi), and Greg (Joanna); and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews, and family friend, Gloria Portier. Special thanks to the staff from Mount Carmel Home Care and Hospice, and family and friends for your diligence, heartfelt care, and prayers. Calling hours are 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Thursday, September 14th at First Baptist Church of Gahanna, 520 Havens Corners Rd; Columbus, OH 43230. Showing at 10:00 a.m. and memorial mass at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 15th at St. Matthew the Apostle

Church, 807 Havens Corners Rd; Columbus, OH 43230. Burial service following mass at Mifflin Township Cemetery, 218 Agler Rd; Columbus, OH 43230. Flowers may be sent Thursday to First Baptist Church of Gahanna. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital or other children's advocacy charity of your choice. Additionally, family makes a special request to "pay it forward" with acts of kindness.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **14.** 6:00 PM (ET)

Gahanna First Baptist Church
520 Havens Corners Road
Gahanna, OH 43230

Service

SEP **15.** 11:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RG

“ I want to express my sympathy to all of the boys and their families, and know that you are in my prayers. Although I didn't know Yvonne too well, my memories of her are all so pleasant. When I think of Yvonne, I smile. It never fails.....Ruth Girlando. (Al's wife.)

Ruth Girlando - September 17, 2017 at 03:26 PM

CB

My condolences to the family of Yvonne Portier. I went to school with the boys at Holy Name school, Cols. Ohio. My parents (Brood) were friends with the family Portier1959.

Corrie Brood-Plynaar - March 09, 2023 at 06:43 AM

LK

“ Yvonne was one of the sweetest people I have ever met. I worked with her at Joanns for quite a few years, she always had a hug and a smile to greet everyone. She made it fun to come into work, and was very devoted to her family.

Laurel Kunkler - September 14, 2017 at 09:21 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Yvonne de la Croix Portier.



September 14, 2017 at 09:13 PM

DS

“ I am saddened to hear of Yvonne's passing, my sincere condolences to the Portier brothers and extended families. I remember her as a woman of strength, faith and humor. And boy could she cook! I have many fond memories of hanging with Edwin and the boys at their house in Cambridge, I hope the families can find comfort in knowing her legacy of love will be carried forth in this world for generations to come.

David Stempko - September 14, 2017 at 06:30 PM

JJ

“ No one was more loving and caring than Yvonne. i had the privilege of working with her at JoAnn's and marveled every day at her caring spirit. She was independent, feisty, and incredibly proud of her sons and grands. She will be missed and treasured in our memories.

Jo Johansson - September 14, 2017 at 03:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Yvonne de la Croix Portier.



September 14, 2017 at 01:24 PM

LF

“ Love Voigt Family, Higgins Family & Adkins Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Yvonne de la Croix Portier.



Love Voigt Family, Higgins Family & Adkins Family -
September 14, 2017 at 12:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Yvonne de la Croix Portier.*



September 14, 2017 at 11:44 AM



“ *BOB & ANNE ZEIGLER AND FAMILY purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Yvonne de la Croix Portier.*



BOB & ANNE ZEIGLER AND FAMILY - September 14, 2017 at 11:30 AM



“ *My prayers and sympathy to all of the Portier's. I am sorry to hear of your loss. What a lovely lady. Many good memories from grade school and high school at St. Benedict's and GCC.*

Myra Sweigart - September 13, 2017 at 09:33 PM



“ *So sorry to learn of the death of you Mother. She was a special lady. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.
Jim & Paula Bakos*

Paula Bakos - September 13, 2017 at 09:00 PM

JL

“ Portier "boys"-I'm sorry to hear of your loss. I'm sure that your mom is very proud of the men you've become. She and the Portier family are in my prayers.

Jim Lewis - September 13, 2017 at 07:54 PM

MG

“ Portiers, I'm saddened to hear of your loss but happy that you had so many years with your mom. She must have been amazing to have raised you guys.

Mike Gilfillan - September 13, 2017 at 07:08 PM

BM

“ Dear Portier family, We have many great memories of the boys growing up in Cambridge. Ralph was a great friend of George Sr. and shared his love of entrepreneurship. Eddie was loved by Charlie and shared the outdoors and hiking. Frank shares many great memories with Barb of the infamous class of 70 at GCC. Yvonne was loved by all her peers at St. BENEDICTS Church and School. She was funny, involved, and committed to her God and family. She was lovely!

Barbara Long Mingione - September 13, 2017 at 06:03 PM

CK

“ So sorry to hear of your mother's passing, Ralph. It's always hard to lose our parents and she must have been a wonderful woman to have raised such a fine man and husband.

Cherie & Bob Koch - September 13, 2017 at 05:55 PM

MS

Ralph, Peggy and All the Portiers: Can't begin to tell you how much love has been passed forward from your families, it is a perfect example of how we should live our lives. We are very sorry to hear this sad news about you mother. Please know that all our love and prayers are sent your way. Love you all, Steve and Marguerite

Marguerite Stolarik - September 14, 2017 at 10:41 AM

JE

Have fond memories of your mother especially when hanging out at your house during the summers in our growing up years ... such a wonderful person! Wishing the family my sincerest condolences as you grieve her passing and celebrate her life ... Love to all! John Eyen

John Eyen - September 15, 2017 at 09:22 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Yvonne de la Croix Portier.*



September 13, 2017 at 05:26 PM

CS

“ *Ralph and Family,
Chuck and I were saddened to hear about your mothers passing. We remember her with a fond heart. Chuck knew your mother better than I did but I remember her giving me advise at our wedding reception. She was always welcoming to all who visited her home. We will keep her in our prayers we say each day. She was a strong woman to raise so many boys. I am sure she was proud of you Ralph and all your brothers. We send our love,
Chuck and Pauli Sweigart*

Chuck and Pauli Sweigart - September 13, 2017 at 05:01 PM

KH

“ I was so sorry to hear of Mrs. Portier's passing. I attended GCC with Frank and Ralph and we lived on N. 6th Street in Cambridge a couple blocks from their home. Whenever we visited, she was gracious and inspired the kind of behavior she expected from her children and our parents expected from us. Mrs. Portier was a strong mother, generous neighbor and a woman of grace and patience. Rest In Peace, Kristine Lelakus Hess.

Kristine Hess - September 13, 2017 at 04:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Yvonne de la Croix Portier.



September 13, 2017 at 03:28 PM