



## Elvira M. Serra

July 6, 2013

### SERRA

Elvira M. Serra, 80--something, of Worthington, died peacefully at Willow Brooke Christian Home Saturday, July 6, 2013. Elvira was born February 6 sometime in the 20th century in Waterbury, Ct. where she graduated from Waterbury Catholic High School. Elvira married her beloved husband Ralph in 1946 and they moved to Columbus so he could attend The Ohio State University. She and Ralph made Columbus their home for the rest of their lives. Elvira is preceded in death by her husband Ralph, her parents Carlo and Grace Mucci, her brothers Julio, Louis and Joseph, sisters Agnes and Sandra. She is survived by her son Carl (Paula) Serra, daughter Serena Serra, grandsons Evan Serra and Ben Kehoe. step-granddaughter Katherine Mead, step grandson Tony (Annastasia) Dupler and great grandsons Thomas and Andrew Dupler, special cousin Irma DiNapoli, special nephew and nieces from her sister Agnes Albino—Pat, Judy, Barbara and Grace. Elvira has been involved in many charitable and social endeavors throughout the years including the American Cancer Society, Columbus International Program, the Buckeye State Harmonica Club where she served as its secretary for many years, and Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church where she was a founding member of the parish and was recently honored in a special ceremony for her years of service caring for the church linens. Always creative and energetic, Elvira excelled at anything she tried to do. Over the years she won many ribbons at The Ohio State Fair for her clothing designs and her culinary skills.

In her later years she decided to start growing a variety of Hostas in her garden and won many ribbons for those as well. Her family dinners were always a treat and will be remembered fondly by all. Anyone who was lucky enough to get them, will miss her wonderful Christmas cookies and the Serra Family Secret Recipe Cake that she baked every year. She was famous for the white streak in her hair, her graciousness, and her willingness to help anyone in need. Calling hours will be at the RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St. in Worthington, Thursday July 11, from 3-7 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Friday July 12 at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions could be made in Elvira's honor to the Columbus International Program, 57 Jefferson Ave., Ste. 3, Columbus, Oh. 43215 or Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus, Oh., 43214.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Elvira M. Serra*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I enjoyed meeting Elvira at each annual CIP buffet for the past few years and was left each time with the lasting mark of someone of great grace. She has been immensely helpful to CIP. I did not know Elvira very well, but will miss her nonetheless.*

Mark Waite - July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Carl, Paula & Serena,*

*It was so upsetting to hear about Aunt Elvira. The Obituary was wonderfully done in her honour. Most of my memories are at the lake house in Plymouth & of course their home on North Main Street where I remember the Grapes on the Arbor. Why that sticks in my mind so much I'll never know but it's there...perhaps because I like to indulge myself every now & then with a glass of the Grape...I will always remember how Classic a Woman I had always thought of her and how she always presented herself so well. I was enthralled with the streak in her hair at my young age and even grew fonder of it as we all aged...she never changed. She was truly one of my favorite Aunts!!! It's so hard to believe that all are now gone with the exception of Aunt Livia & Uncle Ben. Where has the time gone....I just wanted to express my deepest sympathy to all of you and my second, third and who knows maybe even fourth cousins. I hope the memories you hold so dear in your hearts help you through any rough roads ahead...may God keep you all safe & healthy...Peace..Love...Harmony...God Bless, Cousin Rick*

Rick Serra - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I met your mother only recently during her stay at Trillium Place. What a privilege to have spent those hours with her! Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Jane Davidson** - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ while I didn't personally know Elvira, I am grateful for all her many contributions to CIP that helped make it the great organization we all enjoy today.

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**cindy byington** - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ I was so sorry to hear of Elvira's death. I have known her for many years through our participation in Columbus International Program events. She was a wonderful lady.

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**Barbara Drake** - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MU

“ Dear Serena,

We know that we will miss Elvira and her wonderful sense of humor and love of beauty. I so enjoyed her hosta garden. WE worked together on many CIP events, and her untiring efforts in planning and layout helped many events to be stunning successes. We will miss her. Miriam and Don

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**Miriam and Don Utter** - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Serena, thinking of you during this difficult time. I am sorry for your loss. My sincerest condolences.

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**Joanna Mize** - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Dear Serena,  
I am so very sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. Your Mom was a wonderful friend to my Mom -- including many visits to my Mom while she was at Willow Brook and later at the Trillium -- and she was also such great comfort to me when my Mom passed last year. One of my Mom's greatest attributes, perhaps, was her ability to pick the most wonderful women as her friends, as illustrated by their friendship over decades. My thoughts are with you and your Family Serena.

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**Peggy McNamara** - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PZ

“ Serena, I am very sorry for your loss. Thinking of you....

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**Pamela J Zaebst** - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM