



Gabriella Mendenhall

August 4, 2011

MENDENHALL Gabrielle Mendenhall, 97, died peacefully August 5, 2011. Preceded in death by husband, SM/SGT, Herbert Mendenhall, Ret; son, Herbie, Jr; two brothers, who gave their lives in WWII, William Muhar and Sidney Muhar; sister, Sue Butchko; and brother-in-law, Paul Butchko. Gabi was kind, funny, talented, indomitable and an inspiration to all who knew her. A daughter of florists, she created beautiful gardens and knew the names of the flowers and the songs of the birds. Gabi was an artist, a writer, an active member of many performing arts groups her entire life and at age 70 she began belly dancing with Habiba. Gabi sang, danced, and acted with VaudVillities, The Emerald City Players, Griswold Players, Worthington Songsters, Dublin Senior Players, Harmonaires, and The Gingersnaps. She was a charter member of Grandparent's Living Theater and she sang with The Worthington Chorus for 30 years until age 95. Gabi is mourned by: daughter, Sylvia Junkins and loving son-in-law, Gary Junkins; surrogate daughter, Joan Shkolnik; sister, Ethel Muhar, Norwalk, OH; Grandchildren, Gayle Morrison, Cols; John Morrison, San Fran, CA; Lorraine Morrison, AZ; Michelle Morrison, Sacramento; Great-Grandchildren, Nicholas Bushman, San Diego; Collin Morelock, Cols; nieces and nephews, Myra Hayduk, Cols; Gary (Caroline) Butchko, Lorain, OH; Sidney (Carol Ann) Butchko, Wakeman, OH; Nikki (Alastair) Leonard, London, England; Carol Sue (Larry) Gans, St. Louis, MO; many, grand nieces and nephews; the caring staffs of The Laurels of Worthington and of Odyssey Hospice; many dear friends and neighbors; and

very special caregivers, Juanita Dye and Carol Lassel. She loved you all. Arrangements handled by Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High St., Worthington, OH 43085. Private memorial service will be held at a later date. Donations in her name may be made to Central Ohio Parkinsons Society, 2800 Corporate Exchange Dr, Ste 265, Cols, OH 43231 or Cat Welfare Assn, 741 Wetmore Rd., Cols, OH 43214. Condolences may be sent to family at www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gabriella Mendenhall*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I remember Mrs. Mendenhall and her husband from my childhood at Unity Church of Christianity. The church was on Olentangy River Road before route 315 came through and the church moved to Maize Rd. I thought about them often and just recently found their picture in the directory. They were such a loving couple and I have nothing but fond memories of them.*



Julie Fultz - January 04, 2022 at 03:49 PM



“ *Gabrial, with her lovely outlook on life, led us into old age showing it's beauty and potential. Her life was always rising on a spiritual pathway to perfection. and how can I not be glad she has found it. I loved her from the met. I admired her for her mutiple talents. Her love still lives blessing us all.*

Dale and Betty Trott and Dublin SR. Players - August 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Please know that Gabi touched many hearts with her wonderful self. I felt so honored that she called me friend and I will truly miss her.*

Robyn Purje - August 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am sorry I didn't get to know Gabi better during the time we were both in Chorus, but I have always heard how unfailingly sweet and wonderful she was. My own impressions of her are of a happy lady, replete with the joys of life and having lived one that anyone would be proud of. She will be sorely missed by everyone in the Worthington Chorus and everyone who felt her special touch in their lives.

Catherine Ho - August 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Gabi was an inspiration to everyone who knew her in the Worthington Chorus. She was our first Singer Laureate, an honor she well deserved. Such vitality is a rarity and we know she lived life to the fullest. We will miss her, but with a smile, we can visualize her teaching the angels how to belly-dance! That would be her style!

Helen Gersi - August 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM