



Martha Conley Trout

September 4, 1926 - August 6, 2024

Martha Conley Trout died peacefully at home on August 6, 2024. Martha was born September 4, 1926 in Columbus, the daughter of the late Ralph and Dorothy Conley. She graduated from North High School and The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of the Arts degree. Martha was a proud life-long resident of Clintonville, as were her parents and grandparents. She grew up in the family home on Weber Road during the Great Depression.

Martha met her future husband, Robert D. Trout, on a family-arranged blind date while he was home on leave from the Army Air Corp during World War II. They were married not long after the war ended and a family followed soon after. As her children grew, Martha became active in the Parent Teacher Association for the schools her kids attended. Once her children were grown and out of the house, she pursued her love for the community as member and chairperson of the Clintonville Area Commission. Widening her view to the city as a whole, she served for over eight years as the city of Columbus' first Supervisor of Community Relations, serving as liaison between city administration and neighborhood commissions.

For most of her life she created her own Christmas cards, updating friends and relatives of family goings-on. She was a member of Maple Grove United Methodist Church and the Columbus Metropolitan Club. She studied presidential first ladies throughout history, and created several period costumes which she would wear as she lectured to audiences about the life and times of the first ladies. Her activities included volunteering with the Ohio

Historical Society and the Kobacker House. She had a deep and abiding love of the outdoors, frequently visiting the country at a property in Knox County that she and Bob had found, and in the process passed that love for the outdoors to her family.

Martha was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved husband of 52 years, Bob. She is survived by children Greg (Lynda), Beverly (Doug Wittig), and Steve (Michelle); grandchildren Andrew (Sophia Payind), Chris (Alejandra Machado), Evan (Bridget Filarski), Eric Wittig (Abby) and Katherine Wittig; and great grandchildren Soraya Trout, Amir Trout, Calvin Wittig, Rory Wittig, and Rosemary Trout.

The family wishes to thank the OhioHealth Hospice team and nurse, Tiffany Demarcus for their kind attention.

Visitation will be held at the Rutherford Corbin chapel, 515 High St, Worthington, Ohio, on August 19, at 10:00 am, followed by a funeral service at 11:00. Interment to follow at Walnut Grove. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Walnut Grove

Worthington, OH 43085

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home
515 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085

Funeral Service

AUG 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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515 High Street
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Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Martha Conley Trout*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - August 16, 2024 at 01:59 PM

LH

I had the privilege of working with Martha at Ohio Health Hospice Kobacker House where she volunteered weekly. Martha was committed to the hospice mission for our patients & family members. She brought a smile to all of us with her fun personality. Martha will be missed Condolences to her family.

Linda Hanson

Linda Hanson - August 18, 2024 at 02:34 PM

KT

Mrs. Trout was a blessing to everyone she met, including me. As a member of Maple Grove, she brought joy and laughter to everyone. Her hats were as amazing as she was. I am so sorry for her family's loss. Kim Tolliver

Kim Tolliver - August 19, 2024 at 12:32 PM

LW

“ To Martha’s family: I am writing to you as a member of Clintonville Woman’s Club and as a former chair of Clintonville Area Commission. I first met your mom at a CAC meeting and was immediately impressed by her intelligence and poise and her grasp of issues. As I’m sure you know she was a force to be reckoned with. I was also able to greet her as a member of CWC. Clintonville has lost a treasure and I send my deepest condolences to all of you in your loss.



Libby Wetherholt - August 16, 2024 at 05:34 PM

JK

“ Greg,

Heartfelt condolences to you and your entire family on the loss of your Mom. She was truly a pillar in Clintonville.

*Jon & Lynn Ann Kelly
Mooresville, NC*

Jon F. Kelly - August 16, 2024 at 02:26 PM

SM

“ Susan M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martha Conley Trout.

Susan M. - August 13, 2024 at 05:50 PM