



Stella Helene Karolin

September 18, 2013

Stella H. Karolin, age 91, of Worthington, died on Wednesday, September 18, 2013, at Village of Westerville Retirement Community surrounded by her loving family. Born and raised in Estonia, Stella immigrated to Germany to escape the terror of the Soviet invasion. She and her family then immigrated to the United States settling in Schenectady, NY. In 1962 the Karolin family moved to Columbus, OH where Stella completed her medical residency. Member of the Estonia Lutheran Church and the Estonia Association both here and in Schenectady. Former Staff Psychiatrist and Medical Director at COPH. Formerly employed by NetCare and Maryhaven and most recently retired from private practice. Stella was a consummate hostess to visitors from Estonia and the local Estonian community. Preceded in death by husband, Arno Karolin. Survived by loving children, Jaak (Joyce) Karolin of Boulder, CO, Mari-Ann (Michael) Costanzo of Evanston, IL and Andres (Deb) Karolin of New Albany; granddaughters, Alisa, Alexis and Carissa. Funeral Service 7 PM Monday, September 23, 2013 at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street, Worthington, OH, where the family will be receiving visitors from 6 PM until time of service. Private family interment. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to a charity of your choice in Stella's memory. Please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com to send on-line condolences.

Tribute Wall



“ *Stella Helene Karolin*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Andy, So sorry to hear about your mom! My heart goes out to you, Deb, the kids, and all of your family. Your mom sounds like an amazing woman. :) Huggs. Deb and Jerry.*

Debbie Lane - September 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Andy,
Sorry to hear about your Mom.
My prayers are with you and yours.*

"What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us." -Helen Keller.

John B.

john barta - September 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“Stella got her country back!” I called to my husband. “What?” Many years prior Stella Karolin had told me about growing up in “a little country that no longer exists.” She was very wistful, saying she had never been able to go back. Now there was a story in the paper that Estonia was back.

I completed a psychiatry residency in 1979 and for one of my first assignments, Dr Karolin sent me to a rural jail to do a forensic assessment. I submitted my report and soon after received a call from her. She gently told me I did not know how to do a mental status exam. She was right and I soon learned. I have been a stickler for good mental status exams in the 35 years since and when I see the ‘check off MSEs’ being done now, I think of Dr Karolin and cringe.

Stella was then a fellow attending at Mt Carmel and we spoke often. She was a woman of courage and stood by her principles. When Multiple Personality Disorder hit the media we were blindsided. It took courage to stand our ground and simply state our truth, as supported by our observations. One day when the lottery was high, I shared that I was buying a ticket and if I won, my fantasy was to set up a facility to treat MPD, as we called it then. She laughed and shared that she was doing the same with the same fantasy. Neither of us won the lottery and the dissociative patient population is still not well served.

Stella Karolin was a great lady and a wonderful role model.
Judy Box.

JUDY BOX - September 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“Andy, I am sorry for the loss of your mother. From reading about her, it sounds like she has been an amazing individual! Jeff and I are thinking of you and your family at this time.

Lisa Fine - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Mari Ann, my sincere condolences to you and your family. She had a full life and accomplished so much. My father passed away July 27 and he is missed so much, but his life was full like your mother's and so loved.*

Janice

Janice Crewe Monks - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM