



Gertrude Helen Crosby

May 10, 1927 - May 6, 2019

Gertrude Helen Henderson Crosby (Trudy) joined our Heavenly Father and the love of her life, Captain Avery Andrew Crosby, Jr. on Monday, May 6, 2019. She was born near Edgemont, South Dakota on May 10, 1927. She led a life full of adventure. She graduated nursing school from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Denver, CO in May 1947. She served in the Air Force Nurse Corps from October 1952 to February 1958. In 1953, she was selected to represent the Nurses who participated in the Korean War at the signing of the Armistice, July 27, 1953 in Panmunjon, North Korea. She was privileged and honored to be among those brave and honorable women and to be selected to represent them on such a memorable occasion.

She married the love of her life, Captain Avery Andrew Crosby, Jr., USAF on October 6, 1956 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Oklahoma City. They had a fabulous and brief life together. In August 1960 they welcomed a son, Michael Andrew Crosby while stationed in Rome, Italy. In November 1964 they welcomed their adopted daughter Jeanne Marie Crosby. Trudy lost her husband to a military aircraft accident while he was on a training mission December 28, 1964. A date and event that never left her.

In addition to her husband, Trudy was predeceased by her parents, Andrew M. Henderson and Agnes Galbraith Henderson. Additionally she was predeceased by her brothers, Murray Henderson, Howard Henderson and

Walter Henderson and her sister, Maxine Henderson Hubbard.

Trudy is survived by her loving and supportive daughter Jeanne Marie Crosby Klein, son-in-law Gary and their children Caitlin Avery Klein Allison, grandson-in-law Ben and grandson John Andrew Klein. Caitlin and Ben were her angels. Trudy moved to Davidson, NC in 2017 and lived in close proximity to Cait and Ben. They checked on her frequently, spent time with her, and in illness advocated for her wellbeing. She is also survived by her son Michael Andrew Crosby, his wife Kitty and granddaughter Noelle Crosby. Additionally she is survived by her loving sister, Mary Henderson Girard her husband Joseph B. Girard and her dear brother Robert Henderson and his wife Pat. She is survived by many loving nieces and nephews, their spouses and children who remember her fondly.

Trudy was strong and fearless lovingly known as the “Trudinator.” While life didn’t always work the way she may have wanted it, she met every challenge head on. She was a loving devoted single parent and saw that her children never lacked for what they wanted or aspired towards. She was blessed to be loved greatly and was ever proud of her children and grandchildren. She will be greatly missed but greatly remembered and cherished.

Trudy will be celebrated and buried with her husband Captain Avery Andrew Crosby, Jr., USAF at Barrancas National Cemetery at the Pensacola, Florida Naval Air Station where she will receive full military honors.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that contributions be made in her honor to Folds of Honor – http://support.foldsofhonor.org/site/TR/DIY/General?px=1140064&pg=personal&fr_id=1230 so that others who lose their loved ones during their military service may benefit. Folds of Honor Department 13 Tulsa, OK 74182 In memory of Trudy Crosby.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Crosby family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall



“ *Gertrude Helen Crosby*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Gertrude Helen Crosby*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Gertrude Helen Crosby*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Beautiful life story. My parents were Ken and Carolyn Wertz. Trudy was a special friend to them during their time in the USAF and afterwards. My mother Carolyn died March 15, 2019, shortly before Trudy. May they all Rest In Peace.*

Susan Wertz Constable - May 13, 2020 at 05:53 AM



“ *I was so shocked to hear of her death. I played bridge with her many times. She was a great player. Really loved Trudy, she was a sweet and kind soul. Wonderful write up on her life. She will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers to your family. Doris Dinning*

Doris Dinning - May 15, 2019 at 08:46 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kevin Henderson - May 09, 2019 at 06:03 PM

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“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



Connie Girard - May 09, 2019 at 02:33 PM