



Alice Elvira Gehl

February 11, 1936 - September 8, 2019

Alice E. Gehl (Crump) passed away peacefully in her home on September 8, 2019 following a courageous fight against pancreatic cancer. On a beautiful Sunday morning she joined the open arms of the Lord, her father Robert B Crump, mother Anita Theresa (Granai); several of her brothers, sisters and extended family. Alice is survived by her brothers, John Rinaldi Jr., and Adam C. Rinaldi; her children, Elizabeth J. Gehl (John), Rebecca A. Gehl, Jeanne M. Brown (Harold) and Donald C. Gehl (Kathryn); four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; as well as a daughter taken under her wing over forty years ago, Jane Curtis and numerous nieces, nephews and family.

Born, February 11, 1936, a native Washingtonian, graduate of Eastern High School, Air Force wife, career civil servant, 35 year breast cancer survivor, avid dancer who also loved to cruise, play bingo, dominos, slots and always enjoyed her Maryland crab soup. Alice retired from Department of Defense – she especially enjoyed her time with SDIO – Strategic Defense Initiative and the Ronald Reagan Administration. Alice never met a stranger and her home never had a closed door, hosting airmen and women who were away from home during holidays, always making them feel a part of the family. Once she retired from the government she worked for several private firms and most notably held positions as church secretary and real estate agent. She was a proud friend of Charlton Heston and all that he supported including the Ronald Reagan administration, Strategic Defense and NRA.

Alice was a lifetime member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW Post 7327.

She served on the Advisory Council of the Kingstowne Center for Active Adults and represented Kingstowne at the Fairfax County Senior Citizens Council and Friends of Fairfax County Senior Centers. Alice tirelessly supported these organization's charitable and fundraising drives.

The family would like to thank the Capital Caring Hospice Services for their excellent care and continuing consideration, with special recognition to Chaplain Cary E. Johnson, who will lead the service at Alice's request.

Alice's wish is that you consider donations in her name to Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Institute @ www.reaganfoundation.org or The VFW Auxiliary Post 7327, c/o Linda Byrnes, Treasurer, 8209 Terre Grande Avenue, Springfield, VA 22153.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **12.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
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Visitation

SEP **12.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

SEP **13.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Alice Elvira Gehl*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *It was with a heavy heart that I learned of your mother's passing. Alice was my secretary at SDIO for many years back in the late 80's, and remained a close friend for many more. She was instrumental in helping me plan and execute our 30-year "Star Wars" reunion in 2014 in Springfield, VA.*

She was a wonderful person who brought humanity and empathy to our office, populated by scientists and engineers. Her crowning achievement was arranging a visit to our office by Charlton Heston, a strong supporter of missile defense, in 1986.

An appropriate epitaph for Alice would be "She always told it like it was".

Dwight Duston

Dwight Duston - September 12, 2019 at 01:11 PM



“ *I am so sorry to learn of your loss. I was also surprised to read Aunt Alice's obituary, because her father, Robert B. Crump, was my grandfather with his first wife. At a more appropriate time, I would enjoy meeting you and sharing information about the Crump family. For now, our deepest sympathy.*

*Richard T. Grimes, Jr. & Family
(410) 672-5195
rtnfrimes@verizon.net*

Richard Grimes - September 12, 2019 at 12:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alice Elvira Gehl.*



September 12, 2019 at 08:48 AM



“ *Jim, Carol and David lonson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Alice Elvira Gehl.*



Jim, Carol and David lonson - September 12, 2019 at 07:32 AM



“ *The Bakers and The Cocksons purchased the Lavender Love Bouquet for the family of Alice Elvira Gehl.*



The Bakers and The Cocksons - September 11, 2019 at 06:16 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Alice Elvira Gehl.*



September 11, 2019 at 02:52 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alice Elvira Gehl.*



September 11, 2019 at 10:52 AM



“ *Sandy Rinaldi, Marc, Guy & Adam and their families purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Alice Elvira Gehl.*



Sandy Rinaldi, Marc, Guy & Adam and their families -
September 11, 2019 at 01:08 AM



“ *Alice was a true friend to us and such a hard worker for the Kingstowne Senior Center for Active Adults in Alexandria. We spent many happy times together and we will all miss her. Thank you Alice!*
Bill and Jackie Cowdrey

Bill and Jackie Cowdrey - September 10, 2019 at 06:48 PM



“ *I was a teenage kid in the Air Force in San Antonio when I met Alice. She opened her home and heart to me. That's was just the way she was. You are loved Alice and will be missed. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.*

Gary Shelton - September 09, 2019 at 11:00 PM



“ *Full Heart was purchased for the family of Alice Elvira Gehl.*



September 09, 2019 at 08:06 PM