



LaRetha J. "Lee" Leyman

May 9, 1921 - June 19, 2013

LaRetha J. "Lee" Leyman, age 92, of Monticello, passed away at 11:05 p.m. (June 19, 2013) at White Oak Health Campus, Monticello, Indiana.

A private graveside burial will be held Monday (June 24, 2013) in Funk Cemetery, Huntington County, Indiana

Those desiring, may make memorial contributions to The Y.W.C.A of Cortland 14 Clayton Avenue, Cortland NY, 13045.

Lee was born May 9, 1921, in Huntington County. She is the daughter of Albert L. and Veda Blanche (Wetters) Leyman. She graduated in 1938 from Bippus High School. Lee received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Education and Physical Education at Ball State University in 1942, her Master of Science degree in Physical Education from Indiana University in 1951 and a PhD in 1955 from Indiana University.

Lee taught physical education in public schools in Lebanon, Rochester and South Bend communities from 1942-1955, she was a Professor in the Physical Education Department at the State University of New York at Cortland from 1955-1985 and during her tenure the PE department enrollment increased from 500 - 1,200. She retired as Professor Emeritus of Physical Education, SUNY Cortland in 1985.

Lee provided leadership for Indiana League High School Girls Athletic Associations, was a designated member of the Delta Kappa Gamma and International Society for Key Women Educators. Lee was a founding member, former president and vice-president of Cortland's Winning Way Investment Club.

Lee was a Board Member from 2003-2009 for the SUNY Cortland-Cortland College Foundation and provided two Women's Scholarship in Physical Education.

Lee was a YWCA Volunteer and Benefactor. In the 1980's she volunteered to help with the YWCA's Bargain Box, a used-clothing fundraiser that operated most of the year, she served as a YWCA Trustee and was the treasurer for 15 years. Lee was Co-Chair and Major donor in the "More Than You Imagine" capital campaign, which had a \$3 million goal. She was honored with the naming of a YWCA facility, The Dr. LaRetha "Lee" Leyman Aquatic Center.

After Lee retired, she enjoyed traveling with Elderhostel on many occasions, volunteered with the NYS Senior Games and the Cortland County Convention and Tourism Bureau and assisted with hundreds of senior citizen's tax returns through a program jointly sponsored by the IRS and the American Association of Retired Persons. Lee was known as a quiet leader, thoughtful friend and an "ultimate goodwill ambassador".

Lee is survived by her sister - Lavonne (Dick) Leyman Goebel Haines of Huntington; two nephews - Richard (Michele) Goebel of Monticello and Robert K. Goebel of Franklin; a niece - Melony G. (Dave) Nicoli of Glenwood, Maryland; a great-nephew - Kyle Goebel; two great-nieces - Heidi (Jason) Goebel Gregory and Heather (Timothy) Goebel Hatch. Her parents precede her in death.

Cemetery Details

Funk Cemetery

8900 W 1000 N
Huntington, IN 46750

Previous Events

Service

JUN 24 (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of LaRetha J. "Lee" Leyman



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - June 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Condolences on Ley's passing.

She was whisked away from Cortland before we got to say a farewell... We have many fond memories of the 3 summers we spent with Lee at her place on Deruyter Lake -- creamed eggs and asparagus (from our garden) for lunch, raspberry picking in the backyard; fishing after dinner; canoeing to "spy" on the neighbors, always with Lee stern-paddling....

My brother (Stuck) carved ducks, two of which I gave to Lee.

She was a good, kind-hearted individual, though she tended to keep that under wraps :-), who gave much to SUNY Cortland, to the Cortland YWCA and to the community of Cortland at large. She will be missed...

Mary F. Stuck and Mary C. Ware

Mary F. Stuck - July 02, 2013 at 03:03 PM

CA

“ *Our deepest sympathies.*

Cortland Area Retired Teachers' Association

CARTA - June 24, 2013 at 06:25 AM

DC

“ *We will always remember Lee's kind heart and laugh. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Donna & Mike Carroll - June 22, 2013 at 09:45 AM