



Lelia Mosig

January 3, 1913 - November 28, 2008

Lelia Winans Mosig was born Jan. 3, 1913 in Washington D.C. and died Nov. 28, 2008 peacefully in her home. Service: A memorial service and celebration of Lelia's life will be held 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6 at Saint Alban's Episcopal Church, 911 S. Davis Dr., in Arlington. Lelia grew up in Ft. Worth, and graduated from Fort Worth High School in 1930. She attended college at the University of Wisconsin for a time while living with an uncle and aunt. While there, she did typing for a family friend, Raymond Coffman who was a children's author. In 1937 Lelia accompanied the Coffman's on a trip around the world, caring for their two small boys, Gene and Pat, ages five and three. An avid writer, she kept a diary of her travels and adventures. A lovely young woman, she wrote that she received several marriage proposals on that trip. Lelia was married Oct. 4, 1939 to Carl Guido Mosig. They lived on Happenstance, Carl's homestead. Their first child, Bethesele was born Aug. 9, 1940. Two years later, Carl Lawrence was born Nov. 29, 1942 followed by Sylvia Ruth on Oct. 23, 1944. Their fourth child, David Anthony was born Oct. 14, 1951 and lastly, Linda Jean on Feb. 23, 1955. The family was members of Saint Alban's Episcopal Church in Arlington, where Lelia spent many happy hours volunteering. A gifted storyteller, she animatedly entertained any willing ear with the wonderful stories, both of her childhood and of her own immediate family. As she was an avid letter writer, she had much documentation from which to draw from. Her parents lived in Trinidad and Guam during her children's growing up years so she wrote letters almost daily

documenting her family's adventures. She did not want her parents to miss one single event in her children's lives. Her father would pick up the mail on his way home for lunch. If there was a letter from Lelia, her mother would turn off the stove and sit and read aloud all of Lelia's letter, pages of single-spaced writing. Lelia enjoyed telling the story of how her father, hungry for lunch, would rise and stretch between pages. Lelia was a beautiful seamstress, able to sew a fine seam by hand. She made most of the beautiful clothes that she wore. She was a gifted painter and played piano and accordion. She will always be remembered for the lovely Swedish Tea Rings that she called Coffee Cakes. She made these during the holidays and delivered them to her priest, Father Beste and all her close friends and family members. Her hobbies were carpentry and brick laying. She spent many happy hours frequenting old salvage yards and collecting wooden windows, French doors and antique bricks which she used to remodel her home and make beautiful brick patios and walkways around it. She even shingled the exterior of the house with cedar shingles, loving every minute of the several years that the project took to complete. Lelia retired in 1967 from Nationwide Advertising, where she worked as a typist. She loved retirement as it enabled her to spend more time with her grandkids and of course, do more remodeling. Her husband, Guido, was instrumental in the founding of Dalworthington Gardens and upon their 50th wedding anniversary in 1989, Oct. 4th was deemed "Carl and Lelia Mosig Day" by then Mayor Al Taub. Lelia loved music and her home was filled with the sounds of Guy Lombardo, Chopin and Bach. She and Guido both loved old movies and looked forward to the likes of Casablanca, An Affair To Remember, It Happened One Night, and The Prisoner of Zenda when they happened to come on television. Her beloved husband passed away May 8, 1994. She missed him greatly but remained on the homestead. An energetic and animated individual, Lelia loved having family and friends around her. If you visited in her home, you were assured of a good time with much laughter listening to all the funny stories that she would tell. She left a legacy of these stories which were all written down with carbon copies upon

her typewriter. Lelia was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years Carl Guido Mosig, her parents, Lawrence Lewis and Ruth Fonville Winans, her brother, Fonville Winans and sister Ladie Ruth Walters. Survivors: She is survived by her children Bethesele Mosig Carpenter, Carl Lawrence Mosig, Sylvia Ruth Thompson, Dr. David Anthony Mosig and Linda Jean Bradley; her sister, Dorothy Winans Davis, 15 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces nephews.

Tribute Wall

MB

“Wow ... all those stories ... Linda, we should make a book of them for your family. You can do it on-line now for pennies. Sounds like she was a one-of-a-kind lady. A life worthy of envy. I'm sure she'll be missed very much.

MEB

Melissa Blair - December 15, 2008 at 04:14 PM

“ Dear Mother, Well, the week after you passed on just rolled on by with many details to see completed, as you can imagine. We used Blessing Funeral Home as you instructed. They were so wonderful, just like you said they would be! As you know, we had you cremated. You asked for it, remember. I hope that you didn't mind getting your bones pulverized. That was the only item on their list that I had a little trouble with! Evidently that is what the ashed consist of as all else is burned away. You have a whole new body now, right? I sure hope so! Anyway, the memorial service was on Saturday, December 6th, 2:00 at Saint Alban's. Father Kresowaty was the priest and he did a great job. We had a eucharist service and it was wonderful, worthy of you. I took a big gulp of the wine as I remembered it tasting so good as a child when I used to attend there with you. It still tasted the same, sweet and yummy. You would have loved your service. Several of us shared stories about you and how wonderful you were. I don't like referring to you in the past tense. I like to think that you are still here with me, only looking a whole lot better than you did that last week. Anyway, I really can't believe you are gone! I know that our bodies are not meant to last forever, but it is not the same here without you. Beth did say that she intends to carry on your "Coffee Cake tradition" and deliver one to Father Kresowaty on Christmas Eve. He really thought that sounded awesome! These relatives were here for the service: all us kids, Beth, Larry, Sylvia, David and me, Logan, Jonathan, Tanya, Heather, Jamyese, Jathan & Jennifer, Mark Aaron, Lauren & Lelia, Molly Christine, Andrew, Jesse, Paul, Tony, Paul's girlfriend, Bethany, Andrew's girlfriend, Camille, Jimmy Davis, Meriget & James, David & Marion Walters, Bill Walters, Pat, and a lot of friends. There were quite a few people there. You would have been happy to see them all. All the family went over to your house and celebrated afterwards. We had lots of good food, wine and shots of whisky. They all shared stories of you and after each one they all took a shot. I was a little late and it was over by the time that I arrived but I got to visit with all of them. It was very nice. I love you, Mother!

Linda Mosig Bradley - December 08, 2008 at 05:30 PM

SG

“ *Linda,*

You wrote so beautifully yourself of your mother. What an amazing woman!

Shirley Graves - December 06, 2008 at 10:09 AM

TD

“ *What an amazing heritage you gave me. I love you and will miss you. I am eternally grateful for you and your love. I hope life is as sweet for me.*

Tonya E. Mosig-Grand daughter - December 05, 2008 at 09:10 PM

DF

“ *I extend my heartfelt condolences to the family of Lelia Mosig upon the passing of their beloved matriarch Mamalyse, who was also the great, great, great, great, great grandniece of President George and Martha Washington.*

May she rest in peace in the arms of the Lord.

Daniel Feldman

Daniel Feldman - December 04, 2008 at 10:53 PM

KD

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Lelia in person. However, I feel as though I knew her through her loving daughter, Linda. I work with Linda at Swift Elem.. Linda shared many stories of her mother's incredible life as well as her diary account of her trip around the world. I know Linda will miss her Mother greatly, but Lelia leaves us all with loving memories and the encouragement to live our lives to the fullest. We love you Linda!

Karen Duran - December 03, 2008 at 08:53 AM

GK

“ What a lovely tribute to an amazing woman! Your family has been blessed with the honor of having her in your lives for so many years. The Lord be with you all now as you laugh - and cry - during these difficult days, and know that He - and your mom - are with you always! Linda, the light of your mother will continue to shine through you and your boys, and your Swift family sends its thoughts and prayers to you all.
Love to you and your family,
Gina Kesner

Gina Kesner - December 03, 2008 at 08:48 AM

PL

“ Linda and Family,

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother. I only wish I had a chance to meet her. I do feel lucky enough to have heard the wonderful stories that Linda has shared with me over the years. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Pam Linton - December 03, 2008 at 08:32 AM

NM

“ We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers, God bless you and your family.

Nancy Marak - December 03, 2008 at 04:36 AM

DB

“ I always remember Mamaleese going out into the backyard and playing with me and eating lunch. i liked to cllimb, and she always had something funny to say about my passtime. she was a great grandmother, and she will be missed.

Drew Bradley - December 02, 2008 at 09:51 PM

LB

“ Hello Mother! I am so happy that you were able to maneuver the cross-over! I know that you are at peace now and resting in perfect joy. I can only imagine how it must have been to see Daddy and Mama Ruth again! I'll be there some day and I will see you all there. I love you!

Linda Bradley - December 02, 2008 at 10:59 AM