



Dixie Lee Dray

April 11, 1933 - October 20, 2022

DIXIE LEE DRAY, 89, of Enon, passed away on October 20, 2022, at The Trinity Community in Fairborn. Dixie was born in Washington Court House on April 11, 1933, to the late Carl Wesley Ellison and Edrie Beryl (Meyers) Baker. She was raised by her late grandparents, Will & Mae Ellison. Dixie married her high school sweetheart, Jerry Dray, on September 9, 1951. They were married for 55 years until his passing in 2007.

Dixie had a larger-than-life personality and a zest that few could ignore. Her off-color sense of humor was infectious, usually making her the center of attention. A few years back, Dixie would often be seen on a dance floor or exercising around town with one of her beloved dogs. She deeply loved all her pets throughout her life. Dixie also loved music and was a talented singer. She began singing at a young age and sang at church and community events throughout her life. Dixie even sang on the Horace Heidt Radio Show and on television for the Star Maker Review. Dixie was a graduate of Washington Court House High School in 1951. She was a medical assistant most of her life and taught at Sinclair College for numerous years. In retirement, she worked for the Greenon Local School District as a classroom and lunchroom aide alongside her husband, Jerry. When Jerry was alive, they were never apart and enjoyed other activities like golf (although Dixie's addition skills were always lacking when tallying her score).

Her son-in-law, Doug Wilt, and Great-Grandson, Grady Neff, preceded her in death. She is survived by her daughters Leslie Wilt of Springfield, Suzanne Folck (Fred) of Wellington, KY, and Dawn Boyer (John) of Enon, a son, and daughter-in-law, Preston Dray (Brandy) of Enon, nine grandchildren; Stephanie Trudel (Jared), Megan Dooley (Mike), Chad Wilt, Liza Neff (Nathan), Bradley Boyer (Laura), Amelia Boyer (Emily), Brandon Dray, Blake Dray, Bryce Dray, and nine great-grandchildren Scott Dooley, Reese Dooley, C.J. Wilt, Addie Wilt, Avery Boyer, Hazel Boyer, Dorothea Boyer, Kinley Neff, Trent Trudel and a host of family and friends. Private services will be held at the family's convenience, with burial in Enon Cemetery.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Heather Nelson and Vicki Gaeke for their friendship to Dixie. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Clark County SPCA, 21 Walter Street, Springfield, Ohio 45506; Animal Welfare League, 6330 Willow Dale Rd, Springfield, OH 45502 or the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

Cemetery Details

Enon Cemetery

6013 Dayton Springfield Rd
Springfield, OH 45502
(937) 864-2881

Tribute Wall

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“ *My Sweet and Saucy Aunt Dixie. She always made me laugh and made me smile....you always felt part of the family around Dixie. I loved to hear the stories of my Dad (Charlie) and Mom (Helen) on double dates with Jerry and Dixie. Sounds like they had the best times. Sure will miss her and sorry that I didn't get to see her much in the later years. With Lots of Love, Christopher Dray*

Christopher Dray - April 12, 2023 at 04:36 PM

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“ *Dixie was very loved and will be missed by all of us at Trinity Community. We are very sorry for your loss. Thank you for allowing us to care for such a wonderful and sweet lady.*

Kimberly Blanton - October 24, 2022 at 07:33 PM

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“ *I took great pleasure in caring for Mrs Dixie Dray Fairborn Trinity. I miss her very much ❤️*

Claudia Trower - October 24, 2022 at 04:19 PM

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“ *Jordan C Ashley lit a candle in memory of Dixie Lee Dray*



Jordan C Ashley - October 24, 2022 at 09:01 AM

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“ *I remember Dixie quite well as we were great friends at Indian Valley as i was a custodian there and enjoyed talking to her and Jerry. She was a good and great lady i was proud to call m friend. I will never forget her and Jerry. May you rest in peace and hope we meet again. Your friend and custodian, Jordan (Buck) Ashley*

Jordan C Ashley - October 24, 2022 at 09:00 AM