



Ann Fitzpatrick Strickland

March 21, 2016

Ann Fitzpatrick Strickland passed away peacefully at home on March 21, 2016 surrounded by family and loved ones at the age of 89. She was a native of Austell, GA. She was survived by her four daughters, Diane Strickland Evans, Linda Strickland Messer and her husband, C. Douglas Messer, Peggy Strickland Landrum and her husband, Donald R. Landrum, and Ginger Strickland Gee and her husband, Charles E. Gee. Grandchildren, Carrie Messer Weir and her husband, Elliott D. Weir, Daniel P. Landrum and Matthew S. Landrum, Chandler Brooke Miller and her husband Matthew S. Miller, Jeffery D. O'Neal, Charles A. Gee and Michael A. Gee, Great Grandchildren Travis E. Weir and Tyler D. Weir, Kason T. Landrum and Camden T. O'Neal.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, Claude C. Strickland, Jr. sisters, Kathryn Fitzpatrick O'Callaghan Ackett, Sara Fitzpatrick Burden, brothers W.H. (Harris) Fitzpatrick, Jr and Fred Cureton Fitzpatrick.

In addition to her role as homemaker, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Ann was a true pioneer in advancing women in the local business community. She was hired at Austell Box Board in 1949 and promoted to Office Manager in 1951. She was often promoted and named Corporate Secretary of Austell Box Board in 1972. She guided the company's computer automation program from 1973 to 1977 and on January 1, 1977 was the first and only woman elected to the position of Vice President and Secretary of the Austell Box Board Corporation. In 1984, she again was the first and only woman elected to Vice President of Administrative Services and Secretary of Caraustar Industries (the parent company of Austell Box Board). She retired at the age of 70 in 1996 as a Senior Officer of Caraustar Industries after completing over 47 years of service all the while training her successors.

Ann also served her community by volunteering at Cobb General Hospital, serving on the Board of Directors of Sweetwater Valley Community Action Mission (CAMP) and was totally devoted to her church, Austell First United Methodist Church. She served on the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee, taught her Sunday School Class, served as Treasurer, member of the Administrative Board and sang in the choir for more than twenty years. She devoted her time, energy and resources in furthering the Church's goals. Ann traveled with her family all her life and especially loved the beach and taking many "girl"

trips with her daughters and granddaughters.

Funeral Services will be held Thursday 1:00PM at Austell First United Methodist Church with Rev. Michael Martin officiating. Interment will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 4:00-8:00 PM at Davis- Struempf Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, Ann's wishes would be to donate to the Austell First United Methodist Church, 5705 Mulberry Street Austell, GA 30106.

Cemetery

Rose Hill Cemetery
Cemetery Street
Austell, GA, 30106

Events

MAR 23 Visitation 04:00PM - 08:00PM
Davis-Struempf Funeral Home
1975 East-West Connector, Austell, GA, US, 30106

MAR 24 Service 01:00PM
Austell First United Methodist Church
5705 Mulberry Street, Austell, GA, US, 30106

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Davis-Struempf Funeral Home & Crematory - March 22, 2016 at 03:33 PM



“ Reid and I are so sorry to hear that dear Ann has gone to be with the Lord. We were always so fond of her, and heard so many wonderful things about her during her years at Caraustar when Reid's mother Charlotte worked for Jim Dalton there. She was so highly respected, and what a fine example she was of professionalism in the business world for women. Diane, our prayers are with you and the family during this sad time.

Susan & Reid Gardner

Susan Gardner - March 24, 2016 at 09:06 AM



“ Such a kind, caring and beautiful woman. The first time I ever met Mrs. Strickland was in my mothers beauty shop (Louise Arnold) I would always make sure I was in the shop when she came, she always made you feel happy and special just to be around her. I feel privileged to have known her and her family.

Gen Lankford - March 23, 2016 at 03:27 PM



“ She is my hero and I never met her!! I want to be just like her as I bloom!!

Suzanne Musick - March 23, 2016 at 08:31 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ann Fitzpatrick Strickland .



March 22, 2016 at 11:21 PM



“ What an amazing lady! What an amazing life! What an amazing legacy! Ann has been such an integral part of our lives growing up in Austell. We will always remember the parties and spend-the nights at the Strickland house. And the ball games across the street in the O'Callaghan cousins' yard. When Diane and I renewed our old friendship after 40 years apart, Ann was right there going almost everywhere with us and being "just one of the girls". We shall truly miss her. She was simply the best.

Judy Jerkins Garner

SCHS Class of '63

Judy Garner - March 22, 2016 at 06:48 PM



“ 52 files added to the album LifeTributes



Davis-Struempf Funeral Home & Crematory - March 22, 2016 at 03:09 PM



“ Girls, I am so sad to hear about your precious Mother. My prayers to you and your family.



Charlotte Griffin - March 22, 2016 at 02:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ann Fitzpatrick Strickland .



March 22, 2016 at 01:44 PM



“ Phil and Elise Smith; Jim and Karen Phillips purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ann Fitzpatrick Strickland .



Phil and Elise Smith; Jim and Karen Phillips - March 22, 2016 at 12:23 PM



“ What and awesome and wonderful lady. She was my adopted mother and I her adopted son. Diane always wanted a little brother to pick on. Her smile, her hugs and her kisses I will never forget. I am so grateful for having her and her family, especially Diane, in my life.

Michael Martin - March 22, 2016 at 10:26 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ann Fitzpatrick Strickland .



March 22, 2016 at 10:14 AM



“ Just heard the news about the passing of Ann. I am truly sorry. I was just thinking I needed to call her. I did not realize she was ill. She was a special person in my life and she will be greatly missed. Donnie

Donnie Newsom - March 21, 2016 at 09:51 PM



“ I just heard the passing of Ann and am deeply sorry. To all you girls and your families we have lost another dear dear friend. i send my love to each of you.

Charlotte Traylor - March 23, 2016 at 09:40 AM



“ Girls, just heard of your Mom's passing. Know you all are in my prayers. She was quite a lady.

Linda Roberts - March 23, 2016 at 04:36 PM



“ She was the most beautiful lady inside and out. She loved her family, her friends, her church, and her work for 47 years. There are so many precious memories we shared with her all our lives. Linda, Peggy, Ginger and I and our families will miss her smiling face, her infectious smile, her loving and caring ways. We know she will always be with us in spirit and in our hearts until we meet again in heaven. We love you Mama. Diane Strickland Evans

Diane Strickland Evans - April 03, 2016 at 06:06 PM



“ Ms. Ann was an integral part of the Austell Box Board Corp/Caraustar Industries success from its inception. So were several other precious women there; Gean, Susanne, Claudia and Charlotte. What a team. Ann was known as the Queen. A Queen that ruled with intelligence and grace. Knowing her improved my life and that of all that knew her. Who can ask for more from anyone?

Stanley Montcalm December 21, 2016

Stanley Montcalm - December 21, 2016 at 07:44 AM