



Katie Louise DeBoard

October 29, 2019

Katie Louise DeBoard died on October 29, 2019, three days after her 90th birthday. She was born in Little Rock to Lynn and Louise Johnson Shelton and was the last of 21 children (ten siblings and ten half-brothers and sisters). She was artistic, creative, and loved all things beautiful. Her favorite place to visit was Hawaii. She was in real estate for a time and did Weddings by Katie with floral arrangements, catering, and incredible wedding cakes that were perfection to the eyes and delicious to eat. She won second place in her division at an international invitational Garden Show in San Diego. She could paint, sculpt, play the piano by ear, cook, sew, decorate, and she loved to travel.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Leo Frank DeBoard, and her two sons, Phillip Franklin DeBoard and Darryl Wayne DeBoard. She is survived by her daughter, Sharon Elisabeth DeBoard Cowin; seven grandchildren, Kerry Janeane Halvorsen, Christopher Lee Ward, Nicholas Shelton Cowin, Barry Lee DeBoard, Jessica Early, Kyle Jay Graven-DeBoard, Katie Jean Graven-DeBoard; and five great-grandchildren, Elisabeth Corrinne Darr, Megan LeAnna Ward, Joshua Liam Ward, Jacob Early and Falynn Early.

There will be a graveside service at a later date at the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery in North Little Rock where she will be interred with her husband, a veteran of three wars.

Arrangements by Little Rock Funeral Home, (501)224-2200. Katie's online guestbook may be signed at www.littlerockfuneralhome.com.

Comments



“ My sweet aunt Katie.
I will always remember our Saturday outings. Starting with our breakfast at Denny's (at about 11:00 because we all couldn't get ready before that.) and going from estate sale to estate sale. She and mom wanted to “ hit em all”. And aunt Katie knew her stuff. She was very savvy about what she bought. We would make a day of it. We had such a good time and she wore me out! She and mom both! I just hope I have that much energy at their age. I will keep those memories always. Love her and miss her so much.

Susie Shelton - November 13 at 09:31 PM



“ She was full of life! She and Leo always had time to spend with you, and a meal to share.
My best memory was watching Katie love on my son as a baby and of course teaching me to bake. She was one of the most multitalented people I knew, May You Rest In God's Peace Katie

Trudy Sher - November 13 at 08:45 PM



“ "Aunt Katie was so loving to all her family - she and uncle Leo went overboard to make us comfortable when we came to visit . I know us kids were a real pain at times but she and uncle Leo never let us know. That's how you love and I will never forget her "

Keith Shelton

keith shelton - November 03 at 07:49 PM



“ it is hard to do justice to aunt katie with words - she inspired me in so many ways and gave so much of herself. i miss being a kid and visiting aunt katie and uncle leo - if i could go back in time, there are many years i would like to be back in their kitchen, all of us together. she will be missed.

kathryn e wilkins - November 03 at 10:10 AM