



Hermine Marie Oswald

December 21, 1929 - October 22, 2020

OSWALD, Hermine Marie Browe ("Mo") died October 22, 2020 in Largo, Florida. She was the beloved wife of James Oswald who passed away in October of 2019. Mo was the treasured mother of Annie (Sandy Benett), Mary, Jim (Mindy), Maggie (deceased 2019; Ken Paquette) and Katie (John Wherity). "GrandMo/Momo" adored her grandchildren, Natalie and Camille Oswald, Sarah Benett and Katie Paquette. Hermine Browe, known as Mo, was born in Detroit in 1929 and received both undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of Detroit where she met her husband Jim. They raised their family in Detroit's Gesu Parish where they made lifelong friends. Mo was wicked smart and funny and loved to have the sun on her face. We will miss her with all our hearts. There will be no service at this time. We'll celebrate Mo's life in the future when it is safe for us to gather together.

Donations in Hermine's name can be made to:

Gesu School Detroit

17139 Oak Drive Detroit, MI 48221

Phone: 313-862-4400

Online giving: <https://www.gesudetroit.com/giving>

IHM Sisters

610 West Elm Avenue Monroe, MI 48162-7909

734-241-3660

Online giving: <https://ihmsisters.org/ways-of-supporting/giving-opportunities/donate/>

Comments



“ To Annie, Mary, Jimmy and Katie:

I loved your Mom like she was my sister, mostly for her sharp and astute sense of humor. I first knew her as my good friend Betty (Hartnek) Gehringer's college friend, married to Jim, Chuck Gehringer's friend (since they were 4 years old). So we all attend the same parties. (You could see why Betty and Mo were friends = lots of laughs). Then Betty introduced my brother to her niece, who married--because Mo knew everyone in Betty's family, the union made us feel closer. And then in 1992, I married Chuck Gehringer. From then on we were out to eat or partying (every New Year's Eve at our house), and frequented restaurants on Wed. night--Mo called it "Jim's Night to Cook!" We went to so many of your weddings. Chuck was a godfather to one of you, but he didn't know which one so tried to pretend he knew [common in those baby boom days].

We even visited them in FLA two times, There is a beautiful photo of the four of us just as we were leaving last time (I think Annie took it) that I cherish--mainly because Jim was not doing so well, but during that stay, he never turned down a beach walk with his oldest friend, Charley. (These days it seems amazing we all got along so well, because we certainly were in different pews politically: we just avoided the subject.)

After Charley died in Jan. 2016, Mo and I frequently talked on the phone. And then we didn't. (Maybe phone numbers changed.) I suspected Jim had died sometime after that, but never realized he would have lasted as long as he did. Considering their health problems, both of them had a long run.

Last week was my first day of reading Sunday obituaries--so glad I did. Was most shocked to see that Maggie died--we were at her fabulously memorable wedding..

I will be passing the news of Mo's death to the surviving Gehringer children, whom I'm sure will be saddened. (Chuck's son Charley died suddenly about a year after Chuck did of diabetes). Please write me when you decide on a memorial. Joyce Gehringer, 7 Sylvan, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069. or joygeh@gmail.

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