



Adeline Likes

September 13, 1917 - May 9, 2008

Graveside services for Adeline Lee Likes, 90, of Tyler will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 3:00 PM at Rose Hill Cemetery with Father Sam Boyd officiating and under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler. Adeline Lee Likes was born in Mineral Springs, Arkansas September 13, 1917 to Lawrence Sims Lee and Dell Westmoreland Lee. She graduated from Texas Women's University in Denton, Texas, with an undergraduate and graduate degree in Art. She also attended Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan. Her career as an Art Professor and Interior Designer spanned over 70 years. She was an Art Professor at Ouachita Baptist University, Rohwer Japanese Internment Camp, and a successful Interior Designer in Washington D.C. and Tyler, Texas. Adeline Lee Likes had a lifetime passion and involvement in education and the arts. She was instrumental in forming the Jr. Symphony League of Tyler and facilitated the formation of what would become All Saints Episcopal School. In addition, she was active in working with St. Louis School in Tyler. She was a current member of Christ Episcopal Church, Daughters of the American Revolution, Tyler Museum of Art, and the American Association of University Women. Mrs. Likes was preceded in death by her husband, Col. David H. Likes. She is survived by her daughters, Elizabeth Bright and husband Dr. T.C. Bright III and Lauren S. Glass of Tyler; sons, David M. Likes and wife Lissa of Arlington and Lawrence Likes and wife Mary of Seattle, Washington. She is also survived by grandchildren, Kimberly E. Kaindl of Naperville, Illinois, James Lee Bright of

Dallas, Thomas D. Glass of Houston, Emily G. Glass of Dallas, Benjamin W. Bright of Dallas, Elizabeth A. Bright of Dallas, and John Paul Likes of Seattle, Washington; great grandchildren, Robert E. Kaindl, Matthew Kaindl, John Kaindl, Katherine E. Kaindl and Ellen E. Bright. Visitation is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2008 from 5:00-7:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to St. Louis School, 2800 Walton Drive, Tyler, Texas 75701, Christ Episcopal Church, 118 South Bois D Arc, Tyler, Texas 75701, Tyler Museum of Art, 1300 Mahon Avenue, Tyler, Texas 75701 or a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our sincere condolences to the family of Adeline Likes. We were warm friends of many years' standing and will surely miss her.*

Cris and Joe Selman

Joseph Selman - May 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

“ Beth, Lauren, David, Larry, Kimberly, Lee, Thomas, and family,

It was with sadness that I read of Adeline's death. She meant a lot to me and I will miss her greatly. I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the service as I will be out of town. However, I wanted you to have a few of my thoughts about my friend, your mom and grandmother, so I wrote the following:

ADELINE LIKES

It was a sunny spring day in 1977 as I stood on a step ladder in front of my house on West Dobbs Street. As I began to paint over the ugly green trim of a window with a nice bright yellow-tan paint, a Volvo station wagon suddenly screeched to a stop in front of my house. A lady I had never seen before came storming up the sidewalk shouting at me ?No, no, that is the completely wrong color.? Shocked, I came down and said ?Who are you?? ?I am Adeline Likes, your neighbor? she said, ?and if you will come with me, I'll help you get just the right color to paint your house.?

For some unknown reason, I was taken with this audacious lady. So, I got in her car and she drove us a few blocks to Coats-McCain Lumber Company (?Good Lumber Properly Used Has Never Failed?). I followed her into the paint department where she promptly told Mr. Cole to get out from behind the paint counter. Obviously having dealt with her many times before, he quickly followed her instructions. Upon assuming the command post behind the paint mixing machine she began to twirl the paint color selector like a roulette wheel, dumping a few ounces of this color and that into a base paint as she mutter under her breath ?a little more burnt umber, now that is getting there.?

Well, we walked out a short while later with a gallon of paint, went back to my house where she instructed me on painting a window with it. And, sure enough it was the perfect color. It captured the

tones of the brick mortar as well as the brick. That was the color I painted the house, and the only color that has been on it for the past 31 years, even after I sold it nine years ago. As she explained to me without modesty, just as some musicians had "perfect pitch", she had "perfect color." And she did, as she would show me time and time again over the following years.

Thus began my friendship with Adeline Likes. Over the next 25 years she would help me design, remodel and decorate my house on Dobbs Street several times, my law firm offices, my ranch house where I now live, and two occasions my Court Chambers. She was called in as a consultant in the design of All Saints Episcopal School when I chaired the property committee during several years of challenge and growth for the school. We spent a lot of time together both professionally and as friends and neighbors. I would spend many hours at her house just talking and visiting, both with her and David when he was with us. She was always so much fun and so interesting to be with. She was full of advice and always giving me clippings from her garden. She shared books with me and many lively discussions from the arts, to religion, to politics.

Adeline was one of the most creative, talented, energetic, well read, eclectic, and caring persons I have ever known. She did indeed have "perfect color" as I would see on my many trips to market with her in Dallas. She could see an oriental rug (which is where she always started) and weeks later match a fabric to it perfectly without having seen the rug for weeks. She could take an architect's floor plan and in minutes sketch a much better more livable design. She was tireless, always involved and active in a wide array of projects and endeavors. She loved to read and spent many hours in her library educating herself about many things. And, she was always there for her family and friends. I spent a lot of time with her and I feel as if I know all of her children and grandchildren because she cared so deeply and spoke so fondly of all of them. She loved her Church, Christ Episcopal, and had a deep faith in her Lord and Savior.

Over the last three

Leonard Davis - May 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Lauren, I am sorry for your loss, your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Your mother's life seems filled with life accomplishments and contributions. I'm so glad I got to meet her even if it was at the train station in Mineola, TX.*

Shirley Irwin - May 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Lauren, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Arianne McEachern - May 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *Adeline was one of the most intelligent and talented people I have ever known. She was a loyal and kind friend to everyone who knew her. It was my pleasure to know her. She made a huge contribution to the Community of Tyler. Blessings to her family.*

Betty Tirey - May 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Beth and Lauren,
We will be placing an article in the May 15th WSL Newsletter commending Adeline for her establishment of the JSL. Should you wish to send each of your years of participation and also Elizabeth's we would be happy to include such in the continuing history. In addition a gift will be made to the WSL Endowment in her memory.
So sorry for your loss,
Nancy*

Nancy Wrenn - May 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My condolences to the family; I didn't know her well but I know that she thought about us at christmas by making her wonderful 'hot' texas trash and has made an effort to bring us a batch of it here at work for several years now. We will miss her. Kim Irvin*

Kim Irvin - May 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM