



Estelle Catherine Dul

September 13, 1912 - May 1, 2010

Estelle Catherine Dul - A Woman Ahead of her Time - died May 1, 2010 at age 97. Estelle was born in Detroit in 1912 of Polish immigrant parents, Stanley and Catherine Obloj. Estelle Obloj defied the odds rising to a career in manufacturing during a time when women's professional opportunities were limited to teaching and nursing. Leaving school in the 11th grade, Estelle completed a program at the Business Institute of Detroit holding jobs as a switchboard operator and a secretary at Western Manufacturing Company. Estelle was soon the office manager and bookkeeper and later a buyer of materials. She became a partner in Transmission & Gear Co., and later the sole owner of Collord Corp, a metal stamping and rubber coating operation, during WWII. At age 33, she married Alexander Dul and had two daughters who have continued to operate the family businesses. Estelle continued in manufacturing and founded another stamping company in 1954 (still run by the family today) known as Clips & Clamps Industries in Plymouth. Always looking for new opportunities, Estelle and Al decided on a change of life career when in their 50s they purchased Shady Hollow Golf Club in Romulus in 1962. The entrepreneurial spirit and drive continued and in 1974 they purchased Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth, which the family has owned and managed for over 35 years. Fox Hills is now a 63-hole golf & banquet center home of many weddings, golf outings and corporate events. Estelle was an incredible lady with an indomitable spirit who lived through the Depression and WWII, personal losses, and numerous business challenges

yet she remained kind, humble, compassionate and loving to which all who knew her well will attest. Estelle was a supporter of St. Mary's of Orchard Lake, the Order of the Alhambra and formed a family foundation to provide scholarships to the employees of Fox Hills & Clips & Clamps and their families as well as contributions to other charitable organizations. Estelle was preceded in death by her beloved husband Alexander in 1986. She was the loving mother of Kathleen (Michael) Aznavorian and Sandy (Douglas) Mily; and the dear grandmother of Jennifer Aznavorian, Alexis (Jeff) O'Brien, Nicholas Mily, and Jeff (Tara) Aznavorian. The family will receive guests at a visitation to be held Tuesday 3-9 PM and Wednesday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Scripture Service and Sharing of Memories will be held Wednesday evening 7:30 PM. Funeral Mass will be Thursday 10 AM at St. Colette Church 17600 Newburgh Road, Livonia, and entombment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association 20300 Civic Center Drive, Ste. 100, Southfield, MI 48076. To share a memory with the family, please use the condolences link on this page.

Tribute Wall



“ *Estelle Catherine Dul*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Kathy, So sorry to hear about the loss of your beloved mother. I lost mine 20 years ago and while the pain will fade, the memories will not. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Jan Gallagher Masterson '64 - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM



“ *Aunt Estelle was a very gracious lady and I admired her deeply. She will long be remembered. She was very kind and loving. Theresa*

Theresa Markie - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM



“ *Kathy, Sandy and Family, We were saddened to hear of Mrs. Dul's passing. Mrs. Dul was such a positive role model and inspiration for all who had the pleasure of knowing her. May the memories sustain you and your family at this time.*

Greg and Veronica Adkins - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM



“ *Dear Kathy and Sandy, We're sorry we can't say prayers with you at Estelle's funeral. We are still in Florida. Her gentle and welcoming smile is secure in our memories as well as her pride in her girls. Our Blessings to you all, Larry and Yvonne*

Larry and Yvonne Teevens - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

BR

“ Our dear Kathy and Mike...how very sorry we are to learn of the loss of your beloved Mother. What an amazing women she was! You are in our thoughts and prayers, along with the entire family.

Bernie & Debbie Rosselli - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

GS

“ Kathy i was sorry to see the obit about your Mom in the paper.I remember you bragging about her in the old days.Sounds like a great person and i know you will miss her.Best wishes. GRS

george short - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

SM

“ I will always remember my Aunt's smiling face:)

Sharon Mahoney - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

LS

“ Kathy and Sandy, so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom. She was a very kind woman, full of energy and always a smile on her face. What wonderful memories you have of her! Take care.

Laurie Seymour - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

RY

“ Everyone is in our thoughts and prayers

Robert Yoder - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

DK

“ It was a honor to say our family were friends with your lovely mother and father. My parents were never happier than when they were with Estelle and Al, . They were the true definition of "Class and Kindness" Someday we'll all visit the Al and Estelle Golden wing of heaven that they're building I bet its as well done as anything they've accomplished, especially their Wonderful Family.....Be Well

Diane & Bob Kazanowski - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

BW

“ Kathy and Sandy: May God be with you and your families as you celebrate your mother's life.

Bob and Karen White - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

RJ

“ So very sorry for the loss of such a classy lady We have shared many memories of Mrs. Dul over the years ..the one that I will always remember, is her dancing down the Golden Fox with the new Logo, as Eddie played celebration on his accordion! She will be sadly missed. The Tacket Group

Ron Joswiak - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM