



Mrs. Nora Lucille Topshe Ernst Obituary

May 8, 1923 - December 30, 2012

Nora Lucille Topshe Ernst, 89, died Sunday, December 30, 2012, in Albany, Georgia. Funeral Services will be held Thursday, January 3, 2012, at 11:00AM at St. Teresa's Catholic Church with interment to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be held Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM with a rosary at 7:00PM until 8:00PM at Kimbrell-Stern. Memorials may be made to the Albany Humane Society, 1705 Oakridge Dr. Albany, GA 31707.

Mrs. Ernst was born in Albany on May 8, 1923, and soon moved to Columbia, South Carolina, where she attended St. Peter's Catholic School. Mrs. Ernst returned to Albany as a young girl and was a graduate of Albany High School. She began her career with Eastern Airlines as a flight attendant and later opened Albany Travel Agency. Mrs. Ernst was a volunteer for the Golden Key Club and worked part time at ARC until October 2012. Her passions in life included her daughter and her grandchildren, entertaining, cooking, traveling, gardening, needlework and a strong love for animals. She was known and loved by all as Mama Nora.

She was the daughter of the late Lebanese immigrants Joseph Topshe and Effie Koosa, both of Lebanon. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Ernst was preceded in death by her husband Hilmar Furst Ernst Jr., brother Fred Topshe, of Columbia, SC, brother Joe Topshe of Albany, brother Norman Topshe and sister in law Juliet Davis Bowman, and nephew Norman Joseph Topshe, Jr. all of Atlanta.

Mrs. Ernst is survived by her daughter, Hilary Irene Ernst Houston, son in law George Leon (Skip) Houston III, grandchildren Hilmar Furst (Hill) Houston and Jacqueline Cross (Jackie) Houston, nieces and nephews Beverly Topshe, Fred Topshe Jr., Angela Topshe and Michael Topshe all of Columbia SC. Sondra Topshe Coletti of Sandy Springs, Robert and Loretta Topshe Thornburg of Roswell, Sherman and Cheryl Topshe Wade of Marietta, Richard and Denise Topshe Mastry of St. Petersburg, FL, Joe and Trina Topshe Kriss of Marietta, Jeff and Leisa Topshe Davis of Peachtree City, William and Michelle Topshe Carswell of Albany and Dena Topshe Watson of Tifton.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Funeral Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Teresa's Catholic Church
421 Edgewood Lane
Albany, GA 31707

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Nora Lucille Topshe Ernst Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Nora Lucille Topshe Ernst Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *My mother was a friend of Mrs. Ernst's from school, so she was always Nora Topshe to us. Mama thought so much of her that even though I only met Mrs. Ernst a few times, I felt I knew her. She arranged our cruise-of-a-lifetime and was so helpful and kind to young folks who knew nothing about cruises and such. May God grant you all peace and comfort.*
Linda Wells

Linda Wells - Albany, GA - January 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hilary, I'm so sorry for your loss. I always looked forward to seeing your mom when she came into the bank, she was always so pleasant, & such a card! I'm praying God gives you peace & comfort through this difficult time.*

Tiffany Crain - Leesburg, GA - Banker - January 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *We send you and your family our condolences, prayers and love.*
Love, Gene & Carol

Gene & Carol Overton - January 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Ms. Nora booked my first cruise in 1980 and then worked for us at AARC. Thinking of you and your families!
Nancy Reimer

Nancy Reimer - Albany, GA - Friend - January 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ So sorry to hear of Ms. Nora's passing. She was a wonderful person and a great friend to my mother who will miss her dearly.

jeff rosenfeld - leesburg, GA - friend - January 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Hilary,
Fontaine, Karen, Mary and I send our love to you. How much my Mother loved your Mother and the great times we had back when you and Fontaine first started to school. I'm so sorry the pain you had at the end, for I know how you felt.
Sorry I could not be with you, but will see you soon, Love, Lou and family

Lou Johnson Lee - albany, GA - Old friend back to the early 70' - January 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ To the Family of Nora Ernst,
I am so sorry to hear of Nora's passing. I knew her from her volunteer days at Phoebe. She was a caring, loving and fun person to be around. Words cannot comfort your grieving hearts. Please know others share your pain and grief. I pray God will wrap His arms around you and give you the peace and comfort you need at this time and the days ahead.

Cathy Ivey - Albany, GA - friend - January 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Hilary,

I have such wonderful memories of your mom (and dad!) and the years that I worked for them at Albany Travel. They were much more than employers....they were like a second family!

I know that Nora and Hilly are together again and beginning a whole new journey. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!

Love, Tracey Ferrell

Tracey Ferrell - Albany, GA - Friend and employee - January 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM