



## Louise L. Spatz-Doorley

June 27, 1923 - May 29, 2017

Louise Spatz-Doorley, was born on June 27, 1923 to Thomas Henry and Blanche (Belanger) Strachan in Toronto, Canada. She is preceded in death by her first husband, William A Spatz in 1987, a daughter, Angel Spatz, her second husband, Frank Doorley, brothers; J. George and Frank Strachan; sisters: Claire Hoover and Teresa Mescher; and son-in-law Martin Suttle. She is survived by a brother Ronald Strachan (Nags Head, NC), sons: Thomas W (Wimberley, TX), James E. (Dayton), and William A (Santa Monica, CA) Spatz; daughters Arlene Suttle, Carla (Joe) Lakatos, Ann (Steve) Ruef, and Lauree (Bill) Lawler all of Dayton, 11 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. Louise was a well-known and respected local artist and teacher, receiving a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree Summa cum Laude in 1974 from the Dayton Art Institute. She remained active in the Dayton Society of Painters and Sculptors, Tri Arts, the Ohio Water Color Society, the West Ohio Water Color Society and others until recent years. Her work was frequently accepted into art exhibits, winning numerous awards and recognitions. Louise could explain each and every one of her mixed media paintings and sculptures, unashamed of explaining that an artist must reflect life with all its pain and glory. She was also one of the charter members of the Dayton Synchronettes, an example of her lifelong love of swimming and commitment to health through exercise, yoga, gardening and creative movement. Louise was a renaissance woman born ahead of her time. A mother of 7, a faithful Catholic, a fine artist, a swimmer, an instructor of art, yoga and dance, a

singer (also known for her yodeling talents), a gardener, and a humble heart. Family will greet friends 6:00-8:00 pm on Friday, June 2nd at Reis Legacy Center Meyer-Boehmer Funeral Home, 820 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd., Centerville (Schlientz & Moore) and again from 9:00 am until time of Mass on Saturday, June 3rd at Emmanuel Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 9:30 am on Saturday, June 3rd at Emmanuel Catholic Church, 149 Franklin St., Dayton. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery. The family wishes to thank Atha House of Kettering and Crossroads Hospice for their excellent care of mom in her last days. A true blessing. The family asks that donations be made to Crossroads Hospice in lieu of flowers.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

1625 Calvary Drive  
Dayton, OH 45409

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

The Final Legacy Life Celebrations  
155 South Main Street  
Centerville , OH 45458  
(937) 291-3911  
[reisfh@att.net](mailto:reisfh@att.net)

## Visitation

JUN 3. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

Emmanuel Catholic Church  
149 Franklin Street  
Dayton, OH 45402

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Fifty years ago this past May 4, Louise and I graduated from the College of the Dayton Art Institute. Through our 3rd and 4th years, we shared a large studio space, back from the break room and next to the printmaking department, working independently under the supervision of Walter Stomps. I was 25 in 1974, and Louise, in spite of the difference in our ages, became my best friend at the school. She will always grace my memory of those happier days, so far from now, and I will never forget her kindness, thoughtfulness and warmth. Wishing Louise’s family happiness and love, in her memory, and may she rest in peace. ❤️

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**Wayne R. Pfaff** - November 02, 2024 at 10:20 AM

TH

“ Hello Ann and Steve Ruef,  
I know that our paths have not crossed for a few years. As I read through your mothers' obituary, I was so impressed by what a remarkable lady she was. So many accomplishments and achievements, a life so full of family, communities, 7 wonderful children, artistry, being a leader and a pioneer in so many ways, but first being a great mother and wife.

*I know her spirit is alive in all of you. It has been a blessing to all of you to have grownup and been nurtured by such a remarkable lady.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with all of your family.*

*Thomas Hand*

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**Thomas J. Hand** - June 06, 2017 at 09:43 AM

PR

“ *Your Mother was the most interesting person. She just oozed art. Loved the faces she created in Marbella's pottery classes as Riverbend. I took classes with Louise (and Ann) for a number of years. What an amazing life she lived.*

*With Sympathy,  
Pam Ridenour*

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**Pam Ridenour** - June 03, 2017 at 01:11 PM

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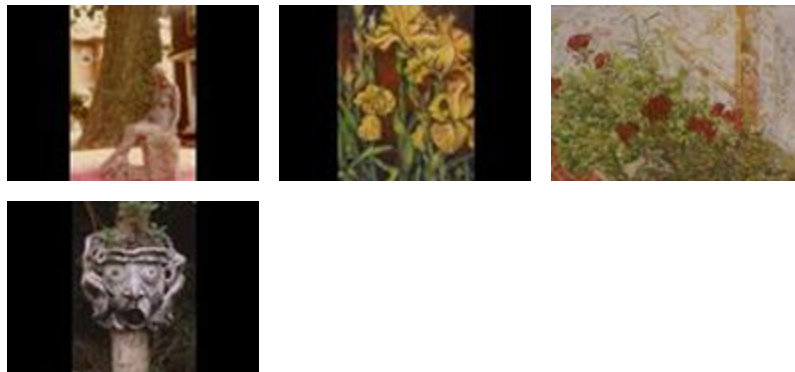
“ *I grew up just a few houses away from the Spatz's and have known their family all my life. Being an artist myself, I especially enjoyed visiting Mrs. Spatz's basement art studio amid piles of laundry from their large family while palling around with Billy, their youngest son. Mrs. Spatz always seemed to have time to share the story behind her latest piece of work. Her enthusiasm and creativity were inspiring to me. The Spatz's small, fenced-in backyard was a well landscaped and tended garden which included many flowers and fresh vegetables. It was also a wildlife sanctuary for rescued (or captive) box turtles which the neighborhood kids could "adopt" and visit anytime. Although actual turtle sightings were infrequent due to their camouflaged markings and many, many burrowing holes and other hiding spots, we knew they were there and were well cared for as her own children. Several years ago when Bill was in town, I got an opportunity to visit with her at her condo in Centerville. I was amazed at what a prolific artist she was as we toured her art studio. Her "green" thumb abilities and creative talents were also on full display throughout the backyard garden area as well. Much to the chagrin of her family and the Condo Owner's Association, her sprawling landscaped patio area was built by hand, bit by bit, from rocks unearthed while gardening. Thank you, Mrs. Spatz for your kindness and gentle, creative spirit!*

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**Carl J Moell** - June 02, 2017 at 03:03 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Louise Art



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**Bill Lawler** - June 02, 2017 at 07:55 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Louise L. Spatz-Doorley.



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June 01, 2017 at 10:36 PM

BC

“ *After reading about her life, I wish I could have spent more time with her. There are so many things I never knew about her. She was passionate about everything she did in her life. It took her many directions and she excelled in all that she pursued. Her energy and talent was boundless. Her beautiful artwork will live on. You must be so proud to have called this woman your Mom. She will forever shine in your heart. Love you Carla. Bev*

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**Beverly Creager** - June 01, 2017 at 01:56 PM

JK

“ *What a woman! As I read about Louise's amazing life, I am inspired by her energy, her passion for art and family, and her wisdom. I will always remember that special afternoon spent with Louise in her studio as she described her paintings with such joy and pride. And she was always such a lively part of our annual holiday get togethers...everyone loved talking with her. Please know that I will remember Louise with great fondness.*

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**Jen Klosterman** - May 31, 2017 at 03:00 PM

 Carla  
Lakatos

*You are always so thoughtful, Jen. Thank you for these comforting words. Love you.*

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**Carla Lakatos** - June 01, 2017 at 01:24 PM