



## Cecelia Elaine Sneyd Gauss Eldredge

October 26, 1923 - September 29, 2013

Adrian--Cecelia Elaine Sneyd Gauss Eldredge was born October 26, 1923, to Anna Maria Dart and Seth Sneyd, in Adrian, Michigan, and passed on Sunday, September 29, 2013 at Hospice of Lenawee, in Adrian, MI, after an extended illness.

Cecelia is preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Mamie and Bertha and a brother Kenneth Sneyd. She is survived by her husband Eugene, her son Gordon (Jo Ann) Gauss, and Gillian and Gordon II (Marissa) Gauss her loving grandchildren.

Cecelia was married to Duane Gauss in 1946 and gave birth to her son Gordon. In 1987, Cecelia married Eugene Eldredge of Macon, Michigan.

She attended Jefferson Elementary and Adrian High School. After graduation she earned various credits at Adrian College while working at Hurd Lock, during WWII.

Cecelia also worked for the telephone company as a long distance operator in 1945. She then went to work for Gerity Adrian Manufacturing Co. (later called Gerity Michigan), working in various departments including receiving, purchasing and as a buyer until the company was sold to Hoover Ball Bearing. She was then employed at WABJ Radio in Adrian and then Gerity

Broadcasting in 1962. Her job involved all aspects of the operation of the company, which owned not only WABJ, but WNEM-TV in Bay City, Saginaw and Flint, travel bureaus and The Valley Farmer Newspaper. In addition to the broadcasting properties, Gerity Enterprises included a manufacturing facility, manufacturing silver and gold plated gift items. Gerity Gifts made and marketed serving pieces.

Cecelia was Michigan Advertising Woman of the Year in 1969 and was a member of Women in Radio and Television. She also founded the student run radio station, WHWE, at Howe Military School in Howe, IN.

She was a member of both Lenawee and Tecumseh Country Clubs and served on Board of Directors of Goodwill, and The Croswell and on the Adrian Historical Commission. She attended Christ Episcopal Church.

In her retirement Cecelia travelled extensively visiting 28 countries in Great Britain, Europe and the Baltics. She also enjoyed gardening and was the recipient of the Garden of the Month Award from the Adrian Women's Garden Club.

A Memorial Celebration of Life for Cecelia will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 4, 2013, at Wagley Funeral Home with Rev. Peter Mackey officiating. Visitation will be an hour prior to the service from 10 to 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Adrian Senior Center would be appreciated. Online condolences to the family are welcome at [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cecelia Elaine Sneyd Gauss Eldredge*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Gordon, Marissa & family...*

*It's hard to understand why people are taken from us, but find comfort in knowing that you were a special part of a beloved life. Memories of your Grandma will always be with you. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

*Marilyn & Keith Schmitt*

**Marilyn Schmitt** - October 07, 2013 at 10:59 AM



“ *Barb Blumenauer lit a candle in memory of Cecelia Elaine Sneyd Gauss Eldredge*



**Barb Blumenauer** - October 02, 2013 at 05:35 PM



“ *Dear Gene, Gordon and family,  
You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this time of sadness.  
I pray that good memories of Cecelia will give you comfort.*

*Sincerely,  
Tom & Betty Teats Trausch  
Edon, Ohio*

**Betty Trausch** - October 01, 2013 at 09:12 PM

CW

“ Dear Gene and family,  
We are saddened to learn of the loss of Cecelia.. You both have been good friends of ours for many years. You are strong and will be able to go on even tho it will never be the same. Shirley and I are thinking of you.  
Sincerely,  
Claude and Shirley Walker  
Tecumseh, Mi.

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claude walker - October 01, 2013 at 07:15 PM

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“ To all of the family my sincere condolences.

*Cliff Houser, Gerity Broadcasting 1965-1986. Chairman, Houser & Hennessee Advertising Corp*

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Cliff Houser - October 01, 2013 at 04:56 PM

VS

“ Dear Gene, Gordon & family,  
I am so sorry to hear that Cecelia has passed away. She was always willing to help me with our family history. When you came to Mom's 80th birthday party, Cecelia gave me old photos to copy. But she made me promise I would then give them to Mom.  
We are holding you up in prayer.  
Sincerely,  
Gary & Vickie Teats Sherwood  
Falcon, Colorado



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Vickie Sherwood - September 30, 2013 at 10:34 PM

VS

“ Dear Gene, Gordon & family,  
We are so sorry at the passing of Cecelia. You  
are in our thoughts and prayers.  
With fond memories,  
Cousins, Bob & Ida Jones Teats



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**Vickie Sherwood** - September 30, 2013 at 10:27 PM