



## Esther (Crucius) Ryan Gale

December 3, 1912 - April 10, 2020

Esther (Crucius) Ryan Gale, 107, passed Friday, April 10, 2020, at Mary Immaculate Nursing Home. Known affectionately as the “8th wonder of the world”, she was an expert seamstress, weaver, baker, and artist.

The widow of James Ryan, she was a humble, yet incredibly strong woman, who resided in Methuen and Lawrence throughout her years. Upon retirement from Western Electric, she moved to Florida, where she met and married George Gale of Methuen.

She is survived by her daughter, Pat Ryan, wife of Jay Fallon, of Reno, NV. She loved visiting the Lake Tahoe area with her sister Anna, which is where she discovered pine-needle basket weaving, and once again became an expert in yet another art. She and Anna also loved the nickel slot machines!

Born in Lawrence on December 3, 1912, to Anna and Otto Crucius, she was pre-deceased by brothers Henry and Herbert, and sisters Gertrude Gladue and Anna Page. She leaves behind nieces, nephews and their families.

Thank you to the staff at MI who grew accustomed to her “I’ll do it myself” attitude. To Nancy Godbout for the many years of including Mum in everyday errands, holidays, doctor visits and eating out. And to Ruth George for being her companion, friend, confidante and lotto-scratcher cohort since she turned 100!

Services will be private.

Happy Easter, Esther! I love you Mum.

Memorial Contributions may be made in Esther's name to the Mary Immaculate Restorative Nursing Center, 172 Lawrence Street, Lawrence, MA 01841.

# Comments

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“ Lynn lit a candle in memory of Esther (Crucius) Ryan Gale



Lynn - May 06 at 04:10 PM

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“ As the mother of my best friend since high school, Esther was always a source of inspiration and amazement to me. A talented artist who fearlessly studied and became accomplished in more areas of art than most of us could imagine, she continued to explore her creativity throughout her entire lifetime.

Esther was very matter-of-fact and told it like it was. She may not have always loved her daughter's hairstyles, but she loved her daughter beyond words.

Patricia Bruno - April 15 at 10:59 AM

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“ My most amazing Aunt, confidant, pal, teacher, travel companion (up to the Citadel in Haiti on mules) hairdresser..always said "you have to suffer to be beautiful" when she pulled my hair, tailor, golf instructor, partner at cooking, painting and copper tooling classes and soooo much more! She always said "worry about nothing" and "this too shall pass" What a lady!

Nancy Godbout - April 13 at 05:06 PM

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“ Dearest Patsy, I am so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She always made the Christmas holiday special to me and welcomed me into the Page family with open arms. Esther made the best kuchen every year and I will miss her smiling face and sweet ways forever. Sending prayers to you. Love, Judy Page ( and Roland from heaven too )



**Judy Page** - April 13 at 04:53 PM

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“ One of my many memories is her patiently teaching me how to do plastic canvas. She was one of the strongest women I know and has always been an inspiration to me.

Lisa Page -- her great niece

**Lisa A Page** - April 13 at 03:24 PM

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“ Timothy Sipsey lit a candle in memory of Esther (Crucius) Ryan Gale



**Timothy Sipsey** - April 13 at 11:35 AM