



Lee Troy

March 16, 2011

Lee Gusta Troy entered into eternal rest on March 16, 2011 in Toledo, Ohio. Born on November 20, 1926 in Somerville, Tennessee, Lee Gusta was the middle child of the late Charles and Mary Hobson Douglas. Educated in the Toledo, Ohio public school system; Lee Gusta received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1950, and her Master of Arts degree in Education in 1975 both from the University of Toledo in Toledo, Ohio. In 1957, she was married to the late J. Frank Troy. Upon graduating from the University of Toledo, Lee Gus joined the United Service Organization (USO) as one of the first civilian Negro members of the United States Army in Europe; Special Activities Division as an Army Recreational Therapist. Upon returning to the United States, Lee Gusta was employed by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation in the following capacities: Recreational Director of Therapy (Toledo, OH); appointed as the Consumer Relations Director (Columbus=2C OH); Special Assistant to the Director (Columbus, OH); Executive Assistant to the Director (Columbus, OH) Noted for her outstanding community service and leadership activities, Lee Gusta received the following prestigious awards and recognition: Featured in the February 1954 JET Magazine as the First Negro Hire at the State of Ohio, Department of Mental Health, Charter Member of the Toledo, Ohio chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, where she served as past president. Member of National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club Member of the Executive Committee of the Lucas county (Ohio) Chapter of the March of

Dimes, past president of Sew & So's and was a lifetime member of NAACP. An avid Ohio State Buckeye fan. Her hobbies included playing tennis and golf. Lee Gusta also enjoyed playing Bridge and Scrabble. Upon retiring from her post as Executive Assistant to the Director, Lee Gusta enjoyed spending quality time with family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; Charles and Mary Hobson Douglas, and sister, May Dell Mahone. Lee Gusta leaves to cherish her memory brother, Charles H. (Paulette) Douglas of Mesquite, Texas; nieces, Rosalind Craig of Toledo, Ohio; Danielle (William) Lathan of Toledo, Ohio, Cherise Douglas of Columbus, OH, Kendall Douglas of Mesquite, TX; nephew, Richard (Alma) Thompson of Toledo, Ohio; Goddaughter, Dr. Dawna Jones of Hanover, Massachusetts; Godson, John Marshall Jones of Vancouver, British Columbia and a multitude of family and friends. Visitation will be Friday 3-6 p.m. followed by wake services 6-8 p.m. including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc Omega Omega Services at 7:00 p.m. Dale-Riggs Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Services will be held Saturday 11:00 a.m. Phillips Temple C.M.E. Church, Toledo, Ohio, Pastor Chester R. Ricks officiating. Entombment Historic Woodlawn Cemetery. www.dalefh.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *Bev and I first met Lee when she worked as a Consumer Relations Director for the Ohio Department of Mental Health. She always championed the rights of the less fortunate and worked to provided opportunities to residents of department facilities.It was our honor to know her for more than 35 years as a friend.*

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“ *To The Family:On behalf of the Board of Directors, Advisory Board and Staff of the Area Office on Aging of NW Ohio, Inc., we are saddened by your loss. Billie Johnson, President/CEO*

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“ *Know I care in kind thought and prayer. Lee Gusta was a beloved friend to me. I knew her through my time at Hearthstone. The hours we spent together will comfort my memory. She spoke often of her parents, brother Charles and her sister Mae Dell: all her family was prescious to her. As my friend she always showered me with her kindness and grace. I shall always miss her. Sandra Mumaw*

sandra mumaw - March 23, 2011 at 06:50 PM