



## Luella Elsie Jung Dupree

November 9, 1932 - February 6, 2025

Luella Elsie (Jung) Dupree lived a remarkable life of 92 years, filled with love, courage, and determination. Born on November 9, 1932, in North Dakota to Maria Finkbeiner and Helmuth Jung, Luella's life was marked by resilience from an early start. After losing her mother to illness at a very young age, she was placed in the care of her Aunt and Uncle. At thirteen, Luella moved to Portland, Oregon, where she reunited with her father, stepmother Peggy Jung, stepbrother Bob, and half-brother Doug Jung. She quickly adapted to her new surroundings, excelling at Tigard High School, where she was crowned Prom Queen her senior year.

After graduation, Luella joined the U.S. Air Force, where her journey as a trailblazer continued. There, she met and married M.D. Dupree, with whom she had five children. Luella's love and dedication to her family was unwavering. She balanced the demands of raising her children with pursuing her dreams.

Determined to make a difference, she earned a nursing degree from Clarion College and dedicated two decades to caring for others in the nursing profession.

Ahead of her time in many ways, Luella embodied the spirit of self-reliance and creativity. She was a homesteader long before it became a trend, cultivating a life of sustainability on her cherished 4-acre farm in Knox, Pennsylvania, where she lived for over 25 years. Whether gardening, canning, hunting, or tending to her animals, Luella thrived as a hardworking and

resourceful woman. She was known for her willingness to tackle challenges—cross-country camping trips, drywalling her home, or performing veterinary care on her animals.

A fierce advocate for equality and justice, Luella championed women's rights, denounced racism, and always stood up for her children, her community, and the greater good. Her greatest achievements were her love for and pride in her children. Through her dedication and perseverance, she raised five compassionate, hardworking individuals who embody her values of kindness, integrity, and service to others.

Luella is predeceased by her parents, stepmother Peggy, brother Bob, beloved caregivers Aunt Martha and Uncle Jacob, former husband Dempsey Dupree, and her dear companion, Jack Knudson (LaPine, Oregon). She is also predeceased by beloved son Mark Dupree (Cumberland, Maryland), who now welcomes her with open arms.

She is survived by four of her children, Dal Dupree (Roanoke, VA), Holly Augustine

(Waynesburg, PA), Cindy Dupree (Leesburg, VA), and Karen King (Bunker Hill, WV), as well as 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren who embody her legacy of strength, love, and resilience. Luella's indomitable spirit and boundless love will continue to inspire those she leaves behind. She is not truly gone; she remains closer than ever in the hearts of all who loved her. Rest in peace, Luella. You lived a life of passion and purpose. You lived a life that made a difference in the lives of others. Your memory will forever be a blessing.

# Tribute Wall

“ Eulogy: March 22, 2025

*These are a few of Mom's favorite things:*

*Number 1. Spending time with family. Mom loved to travel to visit her loved ones. She never came empty handed! She always brought food and it was often difficult to find space for everything that came along with her! She didn't care if your house was messy. She didn't care if she had to sleep on the couch. She always came to help. She was tireless during household moves and never complained about hard work. She was happy to be helpful.*

*Number 2. A long chat with a friend. She had a great listening ear and truly cared about others. She could offer great advice but seemed to know when not to. Sometimes we just want to be heard and she was always willing to listen.*

*Number 3. Time spent in the garden helping things to grow. Canning the fruits and vegetables of her labor and sharing those things brought her joy. She loved to provide for others. I remember looking forward to her canned beef stew all the way home on the school bus. Even when she had to work 2 jobs to support us, she still managed to be there in spirit through her soup!*

*Number 4. Cooking. The process of making food for others to enjoy, especially when done with the people that she loves. Think- every family gathering at her house.*

*Number 5. Going for a drive in the country- exploring, noticing and enjoying the scenery. Just being in the moment and finding adventure on undiscovered roads.*

*Number 6. Music. Even in her Advanced years, when live music was being performed, mom was chair bebopping. She was usually the only one with the energy and spark to bebop and the musicians and singers always appreciated it. Many would move to her side*

*and serenade. Seeing her joy in music brought many others joy as well.*

*Number 7. Babies. Snuggling a baby made Mom glow with happiness. We were all held by her and loved by her at one time*

*Number 8. A buffet. the chance to pile her plate high with all the good things!*

*Number 9. Learning. Mom loved to learn about all kinds of things- other cultures, languages, science, nature and even math! She was a smart lady though she never gave herself credit for it. She was inventive and quick to solve problems with whatever was on hand. I credit her for inventing the first squatty potty for her constipated toddler by using 2 paint cans next to the toilet. I used those all the way through high school.*

*Number 10. Bird song. Mom loved to sit outside and listen to The Birds and try to match the bird type to the song. She loved A good sit in a Sunny Spot on the porch.*

*What I learned from Mom was to enjoy all of the beauty of the world. To take time to truly appreciate it. I learned to tell loved ones that I love them everyday. Mom taught by example. She is the reason we all have so much trouble leaving at the end of any visit. There is always time for one more "I love you".*

*Sadly, I did not pick up gardening skills. However, we have daffodil bulbs that you can plant in her honor on the porch. I think of mom every time I see one since they were all over her yard and she planted many in our yard as well.*

*Mom is very present in our lives. She wants us to remember her fondly for her positive contributions, and to remember that we are loved unconditionally.*

*Thank you for joining us in celebration of mom's life joyfully and*

*passionately lived. Go forth and enjoy the day! She would!*

**Karen King** - March 23, 2025 at 08:14 PM

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“ Mom was an independent thinker who liked to question the status quo. She stood up for what she believed in. Principles like fairness, equal rights, and treating people, no matter their background, with humanity. She was fiesty and tenacious and worked hard to support herself and her children. She fearlessly stood up for those who couldn't stand up for themselves. Even in the midst of dementia and memory loss, she never lost the core of who she was. Her spirit was loving and giving until the end. She expressed concern for those around her. Before she lost her ability to speak she wanted to know what was happening to her and why. Although I didn't have the answers I explained the condition of dementia. She said "That's terrible! If it had to happen to someone I'm glad it was me, and not you." That's who she was. Eventually, she no longer had words but could still communicate. For example, she would make sure I had something to eat before she would eat. That's who she was. I admire her grace and resilience even in the face of a devastating and dehumanizing disease like dementia. She lost her memory - but her beautiful soul lives on in ours.

**Cindy Dupree** - February 11, 2025 at 08:36 PM

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**Cindy Dupree** - February 11, 2025 at 08:09 PM

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“ I will cherish the many memories I have from Christmas’s with a warm house full of cousins and family to spending laughter filled, one on one time with her helping her paint her PA home to prepare it for selling. We spent much of our time together laughing. Mimi was truly one of my favorite people in this entire world! Mimi was one of my biggest cheerleaders and was the reason I went into nursing. She was the most loving, pure soul I’ve ever met and will be missed beyond belief. It warms my heart to know she is going to be with my dad for all of eternity. I will love you forever and ever Mimi! ❤️



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**Jennifer** - February 11, 2025 at 04:21 PM

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**Cindy Dupree** - February 11, 2025 at 03:58 PM

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“ Gratitude for this beautiful soul who lit the world with her loving presence. Be in the light now Mama! We will find you everywhere.

Cindy Dupree - February 11, 2025 at 02:12 PM

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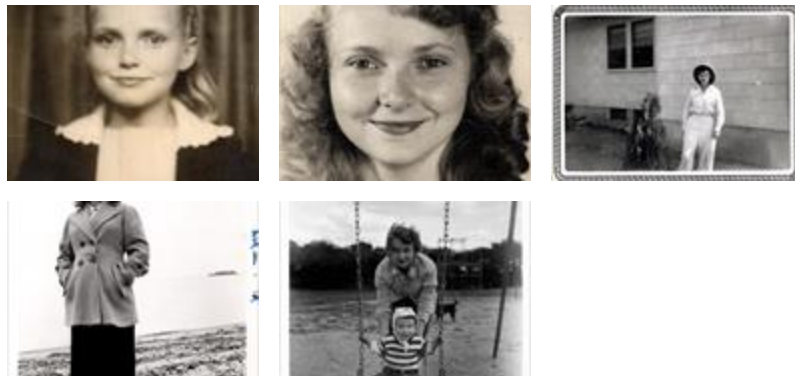
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**Melissa Dupree-Field** - February 11, 2025 at 08:48 AM