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## Sad News: The Passing of Eva Lazar Gabriel '49



Dear Friends,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the passing of our dear friend, Eva Lazar Gabriel '49. Eva was a longstanding member of the Guild and served as our president for many years. She was the heart and soul of the group during those dark times when the Guild struggled with its leadership. We have lost so many close friends over these last few months: Richard Baller, Dr. Carol Haupt, Brian Morris, and now Eva that it makes me wonder how we will be able to

move forward from this point? However, I believe that they would want us to continue knowing that they will be with us in spirit. Instead of mourning their deaths, we should be grateful that we had the opportunity to know such wonderful people.

*Aletta Kipp Diamond '65 H'15*

### About Eva



Eva was born on December 12, 1932 in Budapest, Hungary. Eva was an applied music lecturer at Wagner College from 1971 to 1986. Her love of music was quite evident over the years and she had been teaching music for most of her adult life. Many of our Guild members were Eva's students and they looked forward to singing with her at the end of every Guild luncheon. Eva's passion for life was evident in everything that she did - and it was no surprise that a highlight for many new Guild members was the warm, friendly greeting Eva gave them. She served as the Guild president for a number of years and was the only person to be named an advisory chair and president emeritus of the Guild. Eva was selected

as a Staten Island "Woman of Achievement" in 1997 and received numerous other honors and awards from organizations across Staten Island – but she will always be remembered as our "Guild songbird."



## Memories of Eva

*Eva loved Wagner and was committed to the Wagner Guild. She rarely missed a meeting and always insisted on having a keyboard ready so she could lead us in "God Bless America" before the end of each gathering. Her warm smile will be missed by many from the Wagner Guild and the Wagner family. - Aletta Kipp Diamond '65 H'15*



*She was a devoted friend to and well loved by the Wagner College Guild and a longtime friend to my parents. Her musical talents were a special contribution at Guild luncheons. She was a devoted teacher of music over her many years. She will be missed. - Linda Barbes Stein '69*



*She adored music and life and was devoted to bringing joy everywhere with her larger than life personality. Heartfelt condolences to her daughter Dr. Sylvia Clark, and to the many who she has touched over the years in the Staten Island community and beyond. - Annmarie Lambiasi '85*

*I am deeply saddened by the news of Eva's passing. She was such a kind and gentle soul who was full of life. She radiated positivity and happiness. She will be greatly missed by the Wagner community which she loved so dearly. - Amna Amjad, Guild Scholar*



*Eva was a great inspiration to the Wagner College Guild. I remember she called me one day and asked me to join the Guild. I told her let me think about it. Guess what? She gave me not even a minute to think about it - how could I say no! Eva did so much for everyone and she had a big heart. I enjoyed her sing alongs and will miss her very much. - Brigitte Hermann '94*

*My first encounter with Eva and the Guild was as an alumnus many years after I graduated. She took me on as a private adult student and we would perform all over the Island, especially at holiday time. She always paid for a full table at Guild luncheons and I was always her guest. I tried to make as many meetings as I could. Eva and Lila "Bunny" Barbes who ran things back then seemed ageless. I pretty much disappeared when I retired from teaching, but there was Eva urging me to help revive the Guild, just by attending meetings. She was devoted to Wagner. I hope we can honor her in song soon. - Charles Gysel '80*



## Contribute to the Eva Lazar Gabriel '49 Memorial Fund

Eva's daughter, Dr. Sylvia Csuros Clark, has started a special fund in honor of her mother, the "Eva Lazar Gabriel '49 Memorial Fund." Please direct donations payable to: Wagner College, 1 Campus Road, Staten Island, NY 10301, or [wagner.edu/give](http://wagner.edu/give) or call 718-420-4529.