



Lily Braham

October 25, 1918 - November 20, 2017

Lily Braham Age 99, passed away in her home Monday, November 20, 2017. The beloved mother of her daughters, Carol (Wayne) Taylor and Cathy (Joseph) Hochadel, Lily was a treasured member of her family and a cherished friend to hundreds, many of whom simply called her “mom” or “Grandma Lily.” A lifelong resident of Hamilton, Ohio, Lily graduated from Hamilton High in 1936 and Bethesda School of Nursing in 1941. She was commissioned into the United States Army Air Corps and served as a nurse in World War II. After returning home, Lily married, had her daughters, and then became an industrial nurse for Armco Steel Corporation; she worked at the New Miami plant for over thirty-five years. Lily retired from Armco in 1981; “her boys” and their families still remember her fondly for providing compassion and care with great humor and kindness. In retirement, whether she was traveling the world or just sitting on her front porch, Lily loved life. Among those who will miss her most dearly are her grandchildren, Carrie (Brian) Tippins and their son, Cooper, Leslie Ann (Kevin) Naeve, and Joey Hochadel and his fiancé, Joy Von Holle. She will also be missed by her sister, Mrs. Rudy (Irma) Oaklets, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Singer (and other neighbors from Berkshire Ct.), and numerous cousins who all enjoyed her infectious laugh. Honoring her request, there will be no funeral service for Lily. A graveside service at Greenwood Cemetery is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Hospice of the Miami Valley, 6820 Roosevelt Ave, Franklin, OH 45005. Cathy and Carol would also

like to thank Lily's two personal caregivers, Melinda Barker and Billie Lewis, whose devotion to their mother made it possible for Lily to spend her last four months "at home". Online condolences are available at www.weigelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

1602 Greenwood Avenue
Hamilton, OH 45011
<http://www.greenwoodcemeteryhamilton.com/>

Previous Events

Memorial Ceremony

NOV **28**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I have so many wonderful memories of Mommy. The thing about Mommy that I remember and appreciate, was her willingness to try anything. Her adventurous spirit.. She went river rafting on the New River, she went flying in a small plane over the old Hamilton Coke Plant, she rode (I was driving or trying to) in a manual transmission, open Jeep up Mt Haliakala, Hawaii to watch the sunrise. She went horse back riding when she was 80 yrs old. I remember the first time she tried Oyster on the half shell,(did not like) and sushi and caviar (she liked). There are so many adventures we went on, so many times we would look at each other and laugh that we actually did it. (Our poor guarding angel worked overtime.) I know when I sign off I will think of many more things I could have shared. She was a guiding light for me. If I can touch one person's life as she touched hundreds, I will have achieved a miracle. A remarkable, wonderful Mother, and woman, has left this earth. I miss her but I know she is flying with the angels and smiling down on us.

Carol Taylor - November 30, 2017 at 01:44 PM

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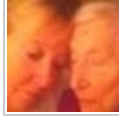
“ Growing up, I never wanted to be a nurse and follow mom and Grandma in a career, now I look back and kick myself for not following sooner and picking Grandma's brain for every piece of wisdom and advice her generation of nursing could impart upon me. I wish Cooper had been able to know Grandma prior to dementia, however there are a lifetime of stories and love to share with him. Recently, when going over to her house I was trying to help him understand that she was my Grandma and his Grandma's mommy, like my mommy is his Grandma and when using the term "Great-Grandma" he began referring to her as his "Great-Great-Great-Grandma", after a few attempts to correct we just went with it. Kevin said it best with "well, she is pretty great, great, great".
Grandma, you are loved so very much, more than you could imagine. We miss you with every fiber of our being, even though "you" were taken from us many years ago. You are now and will forever be, our sunshine.

Carrie Tippins - November 30, 2017 at 10:28 AM

DM

“ I remember Lily's front porch as the gathering place for the Berkshire gang. Lots of kids and Lily put up with all of us. What I most remember, is Lily's laugh and smile. It would light up her whole face and you just had to smile in return. Even when she didn't know who I was , she would laugh and smile and just be the gracious lady that she was.
She's one more from the Court that has gone to heaven. Maybe they all can have a block party of their own!
My condolences to the family.

Debbie Miller - November 28, 2017 at 07:33 AM



Oh Debbie! Yes! A heavenly Berkshire Court party. Thank you for that thought. It's so comforting, and I'll keep it close in my mind in the coming days. Thank you - and thank you for being there today. I can't express how much it meant to know my Berkshire family was by my side with hugs and tears and words of comfort. I know my Momma was honored.

Cathy Hochadel - November 28, 2017 at 06:53 PM



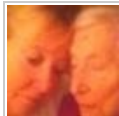
Debbie, So many wonderful memories attached to Mom and Berkshire Ct. When I saw you, I instantly went back to flashlight tag, our court parties, swimming in the Avey's pool. We had Moms that should us how to be good people. Thank you for coming and celebrating Mom. Carol

Carol Taylor - November 30, 2017 at 12:35 PM

JC

“ Lily Braham was a great lady. I was blessed to grow up on Berkshire Ct and have Lily, Cathy, and Carol as neighbors. I have nothing but great memories of her and her consistent kindness. She made life better for all of us.

Jeff Castator - November 28, 2017 at 01:14 AM



*I have to tell you something...
I truly believe the best thing anyone can hope to achieve on Earth is to be remembered kindly by others. When you were at Momma's birthday party and recalled her dropping you off at school on her way to work, I thought: "that's Mom's legacy - her selflessness." I have no doubt Mom would be honored to know her kindness toward a young teen was remembered fondly by him as an adult. In fact, it would mean the world to her.
So, thank you, Jeff, for sharing your memory with all of us.
Love and hugs.*

Cathy Hochadel - November 28, 2017 at 07:51 PM



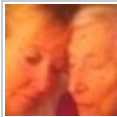
Thank you for being with us during her service. You were so right when you said we had a great childhood. Living in such a wonderful, caring neighborhood was a blessing few of us will have experienced. All the Berkshire Moms were a very special breed. The old streetlamp saw many a Pitch game played.

Carol Taylor - November 30, 2017 at 12:40 PM



“ *I will always have a special place in my heart for Lily. She was a wonderful woman. I was blessed to grow up living across the street from Lily, Cathy and Carol. They became a part of our family from the time they moved to Berkshire Court and Lily became my mother's dearest friend. My children called her Grandma Lily. Her smile could truly light up a room. Thanks for the fond memories, Lily. We love and miss you*

Tina Singer Collins - November 27, 2017 at 09:03 PM



What a beautiful tribute! I honestly believe God's most precious gift to our family was when He gave us yours as neighbors.

Cathy Hochadel - November 27, 2017 at 09:38 PM



Tina - I wrote this Tuesday but apparently it wasn't saved. Thank you for being at the cemetery... for caring so much about being with Mom that you went to so much trouble to get there. We both know Momma would have told you not to worry about being there, but I have no doubt she smiled down from Heaven when she saw you arrive. Love always.

Cathy Hochadel - November 30, 2017 at 06:42 AM



Tina, I remember calling your house "Is my mom over there?" and your calls saying "Is my mom over there?" Eventually we would track them down You opened your home and hearts to us. Thank you for being such wonderful family, friends and neighbors. We are truly blessed.

Carol Taylor - November 30, 2017 at 12:48 PM

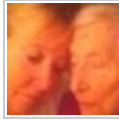


Jim
Singer

“ Growing up across the street from Lily, we always called her Grandma Lily. I can remember the many trips across the street to take her leftovers that were never ending at our house or to have her look at our injuries and give us her professional opinion and to just share her smile whenever we would see her. She wasn't a neighbor, she was family. We will all miss you Lily but we know that you will always live in our hearts.

The Singer Kids

Jim Singer - November 27, 2017 at 07:39 PM



Your family was, in so many ways, Mom's family. You cared for her, watched out for her, and loved her. What finer blessing could Mom have had than to live across the street from "The Singers"? It truly was her pleasure to consider you all her own.

Cathy Hochadel - November 27, 2017 at 10:05 PM



I don't know how my family would have made it without your love and support, past and present. Thank you for your love and prayers.

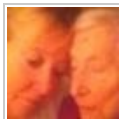
Carol Taylor - November 30, 2017 at 12:49 PM



Billie
Lewis

“ I was one of her caregivers. She will be greatly missed.

Billie Lewis - November 27, 2017 at 03:34 PM



Momma was so fortunate to have you as a caregiver. You made her so happy and took such good care of her. Thank you, Billie.

Cathy Hochadel - November 27, 2017 at 10:08 PM



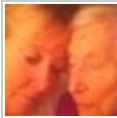
Billie, you are an angel walking this earth. I thank you all my heart fro taking care of Mom. Sharing Onyuns (I know this isn't spelled right) with Mom. Who knew she liked them? I didn't , but you did. Thank you is a simple phrase, but my feelings behind those words are so much more.

Carol Taylor - November 30, 2017 at 12:56 PM

RC

“ *Lily was our second mother when at work. Always so nice and caring. Sincere condolences to the family. Thanks for sharing her with her Armco boys.*

Randy Cook - November 25, 2017 at 07:45 PM



Thank you. I used to tell people I had 500 brothers, and it was an honor to think of you all that way.

Cathy Hochadel - November 25, 2017 at 08:43 PM



Thank you. Your memories you help Mom live on. She enjoyed all her boys and worried about them when they were sick or injured. That was "our" Mom.

Carol Taylor - November 30, 2017 at 12:59 PM



I am composed now and I want to apologize for my typo. I was trying to say "your memories will help Mom live on in our hearts." Thank you

Carol Taylor - November 30, 2017 at 02:09 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lily Braham .*



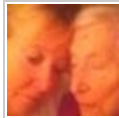
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“ *When I hired into Armco in '69, Lily was the first Armco nurses to tell me how to get along with the whole dept. She was so wise. Her advice was always welcomed by us new nurses. We really loved her.*

Betty Wolfe

Betty Wolfe last Armco nurse - November 25, 2017 at 09:51 AM



Thank you so much. I always love hearing thoughts and stories about my mom.

Cathy Hochadel - November 25, 2017 at 01:21 PM



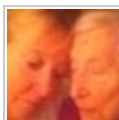
Mom enjoyed her work and the people she worked with. Thank you.

Carol Taylor - November 30, 2017 at 01:00 PM



“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers. Donna Phillips*

Donna Phillips - November 25, 2017 at 09:39 AM



Thank you.

Cathy Hochadel - November 25, 2017 at 01:22 PM



Donna, Thank you so much for thinking of us. I know Mom held a special place for you and Mike in her heart. She is missed and loved.

Carol Taylor - November 30, 2017 at 01:04 PM

GR

“ *I had the pleasure of being one of Lily's "boys" while working at the Hamilton Plant.*

She was a bright light for any and all who came near her. Her down to earth nobility was always refreshing.

All my sympathy.

Greg Roberts

[Plant Blacksmith '73-'82]

G Roberts - November 25, 2017 at 09:27 AM



Thank you. "Down to earth nobility." What a wonderful way to characterize Momma's way of handling everything and everyone. I'll always cherish that description.

Cathy Hochadel - November 25, 2017 at 01:31 PM



Totally agree, she was noble. Not in a pretentious way, but more in a sense that you could tell she was a very special person, and not because she was trying to be, but because it was just her nature.

Jim Singer - November 27, 2017 at 07:42 PM



She was a very special person in the lives of many. You humble me with your remembrance of her. thank you.

Carol Taylor - November 30, 2017 at 01:06 PM