



Lillian Mae Howe

August 25, 1931 - August 6, 2020

Lillian Mae Howe, a selfless and upbeat woman of Faith and love, died peacefully on Thursday, August 6, 2020, surrounded by her family at home. Lillian, 88, of Charlotte, was born August 25, 1931, in Charlotte, the daughter of Frank and Mary Smrchek. Lillian lived a life of devotion to her family, and to others. She married Barton Howe and the two enjoyed nearly 60 years of marriage before his death in 2009. When their children were young, she worked for Kroger. Later, she went back to school and earned her nursing degree and served as a nurse at Lansing General for many years. Lillian was always giving of her time, helping her son Neil with his print shop in Ann Arbor, and being sure to be present for all of her granddaughters' activities and accomplishments throughout the years. Many friends and family will remember her potato salad, the many family pets, her love of travel and adventure, and her vivacious and up-beat personality. In her downtime, she loved to use her hands to create beautiful sewn and crocheted works. She also enjoyed spending time outdoors every weekend, whether it be fishing, boating, or taking trips on a motorcycle with Bart. For nearly the last 10 years, she and Joe Pray supported each other as companions, attending St. Mary's, travelling, going out to dinner, and enjoying great-grandchildren. She was a member of St. Mary Church in Charlotte, where she found weekly peace. Above all, Lillian loved her family.

Lillian is survived by her daughter, Annette (Jim) Florence; four

granddaughters, Erin Florence, Cori (Theo) Hensley, Jamie (Ryan) Scott, and Hayley (Dustin) Stoner; great-grandchildren, Silas, Lucas, Ezekiel, Beckett, and Brooklyn; and her companion of 10 years, Joseph Pray. She was predeceased by her husband, Barton Howe; and her son, Neil Howe; and her five siblings.

Friends are encouraged to support Lillian's family. Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 8, 2020 at Pray Funeral Home Gardens in Charlotte with Rev. Fr. Dwight Ezop officiating. Visitation will be from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2020 inside the funeral home, and in the gardens from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., just prior to the service on Saturday. Interment will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery in Charlotte. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to St. Mary Catholic Church. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Lillian on her Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Visitation

AUG 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home Gardens
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral Ceremony

AUG 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Lillian Mae Howe*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 08, 2020 at 10:31 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Lillian Mae Howe*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 07, 2020 at 01:57 PM

MD

“ Please accept our sincere condolences. Your parents lived across the street from us as we were growing up. She was always very kind. We used to use your parents side lot to play kickball, softball, or frisbee. They were always so good natured about a group of kids shouting and cheering as the games got more intense. Your mom always had a kind word. Please know you are in our thoughts.

Mr. Pray, you are also in our thoughts. You and Lillian were such good companions. You really seemed to have such fun together. Please know you have our deepest sympathy.

Mary Gager Drew, Matt Gager and Megan McCall

Mary Gager Drew - August 09, 2020 at 10:02 AM

LS

“ Aunt Lillian,
Your homes were always so much fun to visit. There was so much love and laughter that was infectious to all who were privileged to be with you. I can still hear your laughter and have so many great memories of time spent with Neil and Annette and all the Smrcheck family holidays. I miss you so much, but know that your faith has taken you to a better place.

Larry Sharp - August 08, 2020 at 05:41 PM

TB

“ 1 file added to the album *Frontier Days*



Tammy Boggs - August 07, 2020 at 09:27 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Lillian Mae Howe.*



August 07, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ *46 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 07, 2020 at 01:46 PM



“ *Dale and Jeannette Lewis purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lillian Mae Howe.*



Dale and Jeannette Lewis - August 07, 2020 at 09:44 AM

MC

“ Aunt Lillian... Thank you for many years of family time, visits, parties, laughter and great memories. You have been an important part of our lives, as was Uncle Bart and Annette. Thank you for being a great role model, a strong and independent woman, a person of faith and for giving so much of yourself to others. I will miss you immensely. Thank you Joe for taking such good care of her and for your unconditional love.

Monique Colizzi - August 06, 2020 at 11:10 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lillian Mae Howe.



August 06, 2020 at 11:05 PM

KG

“ I am so very sorry to hear this. Lillian was such a sweet, kind woman. I always enjoyed working with her to pick out her next “special sparkle”. She was such a bright light in this world. So dedicated to those she loved. She will be missed. Know that I am thinking of you all at this difficult time. God Bless.

Kathy Gonser - August 06, 2020 at 09:31 PM

TB

“ Uncle Joe, So sorry for the loss of your friend Lillian. She was a very nice lady to us, and I will miss seeing her during our Frontier Days visit every year. We are unable to come to Charlotte this weekend for the visitation, and service, but we will be thinking of you. Niece Tammy & Tom Boggs

Tammy Boggs - August 06, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ *What a wonderful woman of faith. Our sympathies to all. Art and Joanne Williams*

Joanne Williams - August 06, 2020 at 04:28 PM