



Lieselotte "Lilo" Means

September 5, 1934 - September 24, 2018

Lieselotte Erika Bumme Means, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, went to sleep with the Lord on September 24, 2018, after a long period of declining health. Lieselotte "Lilo" was born on September 5, 1934, in Halberstadt, Germany. Shortly after her birth her family relocated to Berlin where they lived throughout the war and through the fall of Berlin to the Russian army. After the war, at the age of 15, she left Germany to journey to America to be with her older sister Christa, who had married and relocated to Milton, Florida. In Milton her brother-in-law's family, the Childers, lovingly welcomed her and cared for her.

Her life in America took her to Oklahoma where Lilo was introduced to her future husband, John A. Means, by the woman who would be her future mother-in-law, Frances Holland. Mrs. Holland met Lilo at a church bible study group and arranged their first date when she told her son, "This is an outstanding young woman. I wouldn't wait around son." Lilo and John were married in Brewton, Alabama, on May 3, 1952. Lilo was a devoted and supportive wife and helpmate who traveled throughout America and France with her husband during his military career with the US Army. After John left the Army and transitioned to civilian life she was equally supportive as they relocated to Texas, Illinois, California, and ultimately North Carolina.

Lilo was a caring mother to her three daughters, Mary Means, Sarah Smith (Craig Smith), and Naomi Tsujimura (Masatoshi Tsujimura). She was a most beloved and treasured grandmother to her three grandchildren, Miyuki Ruth Keller (Frank Keller), Toshiya Lucas Tsujimura, and Norikazu Joshua Tsujimura. She was pre-deceased by her husband John who passed away in 1988. She is also survived by her sister Christa Childers or Prescott Valley, Arizona and her nephews Gunter and Heiner (Corolla) Dittrich of Berlin, Germany.

Lilo's life was one marked by the traits of care, compassion, and selfless service to others. She was always active in her church and loved her church home Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, in Raleigh. She was a devoted friend who supported and cared for many of her friends as they moved into care facilities. She had a great love of animals

(stray dogs the best). She loved the wide open spaces she found in America. She especially loved the plains of Oklahoma and Texas and the deserts of Arizona and New Mexico. She was always grateful for the great compassion and kindness she experienced in this country after leaving Germany. The family would like to thank the staff of Wake Assisted Living for all their care and compassion to Lilo over the past three years.

A visitation will be held on Tues. Sept. 24, 2018 from 5-7 pm at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church at 5000 Lead Mine Rd, Raleigh, NC. The funeral will be held at the same location on Wed. Sept. 25 at 11 am with a burial to follow at Montlawn Cemetery in Raleigh, NC.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Building Fund or to the Wake County SPCA

Events

SEP **Viewing and Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

5000 Lead Mine Road, Raleigh, NC, US, 27612

SEP **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Sarah, I am so very sorry for your loss. I know your Mom had to be a wonderful woman because you turned out so well. Having also lost my Mom, I can say with 100% assurance that you will also miss her but the pain will dull and you will be able to laugh about things she said or did in the future.



Norma Epley - September 27, 2018 at 08:28 AM



“ Thanks for your kind words

Sarah Smith - September 30, 2018 at 06:26 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lieselotte "Lilo" Means.



September 25, 2018 at 05:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lieselotte "Lilo" Means.



September 25, 2018 at 11:56 AM



“ Naomi and family -- I was so sorry to learn of Lilo's passing. I know how much you all loved her, and she you. May your memories of her provide you with comfort and warmth in the days ahead. You are all in my prayers. Steve Parker



“ Shirl Smith lit a candle in memory of Lieselotte "Lilo" Means



Shirl Smith - September 25, 2018 at 08:48 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lieselotte "Lilo" Means.



September 25, 2018 at 08:44 AM



“ Cassandra Jones lit a candle in memory of Lieselotte "Lilo" Means



Cassandra Jones - September 25, 2018 at 08:21 AM



“ Sarah, I was sorry to hear of your moms passing. Your mom was a wonderful, kind and compassionate person. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Angela Davis Arnette

Angela Arnette - September 25, 2018 at 07:09 AM



“ Thanks so much - dad has been gone for 30 years now so I think she was just tired of holding on.

Sarah Smith - September 25, 2018 at 01:50 PM



“ Sarah...sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in my prayers. Steve Ayers (ECU)

Steve Ayers - September 26, 2018 at 09:04 AM



“ Your mom and dad treated me like family when I needed it the most. I will never forget their kindness and the impact you all had on my life. I hope things are otherwise going well at this difficult time.

Angela Arnette - September 27, 2018 at 05:58 PM



“ I will always remember Aunt Lilo with a smile on her face and in her heart... and that lovely voice that always sounded like she was singing... Rest In Peace Aunt Lilo...

Amy Ezzell - September 24, 2018 at 06:33 PM



“ My mom loved the lord and her family and she will be missed. She was a kind soul and even through her declining health, she was still a sweet person with a pleasant disposition, albeit a bit unfiltered at times, which was uncharacteristic for her true self. She leaves many who loved her and to whom she was a tremendous influence. Her life had worth and value and she touched many.

We love you,

Craig and Sarah

Sarah Smith - September 24, 2018 at 05:48 PM



“ Dear Sarah,

I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mom sounds like she was a beautiful woman. I wish comfort for you and your family.

Missy Seate
CHASS - NC State

Melissa Seate - September 25, 2018 at 01:12 PM



“ thanks

Sarah Smith - September 25, 2018 at 01:55 PM