



Lucile (Palmer) Donahue

March 5, 1927 - January 11, 2022

Lucile (Palmer) Donahue passed away on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 in Washington, IL at the age of 94. Born in Horseheads, NY on March 5, 1927, to William Henry Palmer and Ruth Goodyear, Lucile worked as a secretary and billing clerk, as well as a homemaker. Lucile married the love of her life, James “Jim” Frederick Donahue, on August 31, 1946. The family moved to DeWitt, NY in 1957, to Vestal, NY in 1969, then returned to DeWitt in 1973. After retiring, Lucile and Jim moved to Delray Beach, Florida, but spent their summers in Central New York.

Lucile was a former secretary and director of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Firemen’s Association of the State of New York, a member of several local volunteer fire auxiliaries, a former Girl Scout Leader, and a long time communicant of St. Alban’s Episcopal Church of Syracuse, NY and St. Paul’s Episcopal Church of Delray Beach, FL. Lucile was an avid golfer and bowler, and she cherished reading, playing cards, and going on long drives with her husband Jim. However, Lucile’s greatest pride and joy was her family. She greeted us with a welcoming “hellooo!” whenever we called or visited and sent us on our way with wonderful, tight hugs. Her long and warm thank you notes included many exclamation points as she reminded us of her love and gratitude. And of course, her concern was always for us and not herself (“Oh, don’t worry about me!”). We will miss her dearly and are so thankful for the chance we had to be part of her long and full life, and for having her such an

important part of ours. Lucile was predeceased by her parents, her husband James F. Donahue in 2016, and her sisters, Virginia Margeson in 1991, Lauralie Evans in 1997, and Martha Hayes in 2015.

Lucile is survived by her two sons William J. (Patricia) Donahue of Wesley Chapel, FL, and Timothy S. (Amy) Donahue of North Conway, NH, as well as her daughter Sharon (Raymond) Houck of Washington, IL.; eight grandchildren: Brian (Loretta) Donahue, Michael (Haley) Donahue, Karl (Angie) Houck, Laura Catherine Houck, Eric (Heather) Donahue, Jonathan (Jennifer) Donahue, Detrie (Kevin) Sheehan, and Kellie (Brian) Ebeling. Lucile also leaves ten great-grandchildren: Connor, Seth, Emily (Trevor), Jakob (Hannah), Katrina, Ashlynn, Kolbie, Abigail, Phoebe, and Peyton, two great-great-grandchildren: Irelynn and Sammi Jo, brother-in-law in law Norman Hayes, sisters-in-law Josephine Larson and Anita Donahue, and several cousins, nieces and nephews, including two special nieces: Lynne Norris and Sylvia Chappell.

Services will be in Spring.

Lucile and Jim will be buried together in Oakwood Cemetery, Chittenango.

Arrangements by B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, Camillus, NY.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Threads, Hope and Love NFP, 121 Zinser Place Washington, IL 61571 or St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1308 Meadowbrook Drive Syracuse, NY13224-1718 for the St. Alban's Mission Fund.

Please sign her guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com

Tribute Wall

PH

“ I was Organist at St. Albans until July 2013, but did not know Lucille. Please accept my condolences. Thank you for the family's generosity and loaning Lucille's very talented grandson who sang at the service! - Phoebe Swope-Askeland/Substitute Organist 6/4/22

Phoebe - June 04, 2022 at 01:46 PM



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B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments - May 28, 2022 at 02:48 PM



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B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments - May 19, 2022 at 08:15 PM

RM

“ We were so blessed to have Lucille as part of our Razzleberry Book Club! We will miss her dearly.

Ruth McIntosh, Helen (Bud) Hagen, and Linda Deaton

Ruth McIntosh - January 18, 2022 at 05:37 PM

SG

“ I never got to meet Lucile in person But, through the years we exchanged letters. My grandchildren, Seth and Emily often would have me read the letters she sent them as reading cursive was an issue!! Not for Lucile and I! Her letters were so interesting and I thought what a "gift" her letters were as writing letters and sending them off in the mail seems a lost art!
My condolences to the family. She was a real treasure.

Sandee Rice/Seth and Emily's grandma - January 17, 2022 at 03:07 PM

ED

“ You will be missed so much, Grandma. I'm grateful that I've saved all your letters & will always have something to remember you by. I'm so happy we got to come see you in FL last March. It was such a special visit. We love you so much. My heart is happy to know you are with grandpa now.



Emily Donahue - January 17, 2022 at 02:30 PM

PH

“ Sorry to hear about your mother passing. She was a very nice lady. I still live on roycroft rd.

pat hogan - January 16, 2022 at 08:50 AM

SR

“ Lucile was my aunt... my mother's sister... I have many wonderful memories through many years... too many to list... Lucile was a beautiful person inside and outside... and a very thoughtful, caring aunt. Actually have "only" wonderful memories for which I will hold dear to my heart. I know she is with the love of her life... now...with her husband, Jim and with her Lord... and there is comfort in this. She and Jim "produced" a wonderful family, Sharon and family, Bill and family and Tim and family... which will live through her always. She will be missed .. My condolences to her loving family. Sandy Margeson Roberts

Sandra Lea Margeson Roberts - January 15, 2022 at 07:59 PM

DM

“ I was blessed to share time with Lucile (and Jim), having met them through my friendship with their daughter, Sharon. Watching Lucile with her beloved Jim was beautiful. Theirs was a true “match made in Heaven” and an example for all to emulate. Knowing they are reunited brings me such comfort and joy, as I know it does to all who were blessed to know Lucile. She was well loved and cared for during her time here and is now joyfully in the arms of her husband. Rest easy, my friend.

Donna McPhilmy - January 14, 2022 at 08:14 AM