



Billie Von Leger

November 9, 1938 - June 11, 2017

Billie Von Leger, 78, of Cambridge passed away the morning of June 11, 2017 at Cambridge Home and Rehabilitation Center after battling a long illness. Billie is preceded in death by her mother, Nellie E. Dolney, and her stepfather, Emil Dolney, both formerly of Byesville, Ohio; her father George Matheson Palmer of Tiffin, Ohio; and nephew William Palmer of Cambridge and Westerville, Ohio.

Born November 9, 1938 in Akron, Ohio, Billie and her family relocated to Londonderry, Ohio where they lived and worked a small farm. She was a cheerleader and Homecoming maid at Cambridge High School where she graduated in 1956. An accomplished seamstress Billie made many of her own clothes. After graduation, she worked and performed competitive roller skating in Cleveland, then relocated to Columbus, Ohio. There she met her future husband, Air Force pilot James E. Leger. She worked in Human Resources at Timken Rollerbearing Co. until she married in 1963.

As an Air Force officer's wife and mother, Billie led a busy life engaged in many social and charitable activities. While her husband and fellow military personnel were fighting the Vietnam War, Billie held craft making parties for women on the base. She volunteered at the American Red Cross in Blytheville, AFB, Arkansas where she eventually assumed duties as director. Billie organized Christmas plays and holiday parties for the neighborhood kids. She sewed outfits for her daughters, took oil painting lessons, led a Girl Scout troop and accompanied her family on sightseeing trips across the U.S.

and abroad. She loved reading, playing cards, camping boating and waterskiing with her family.

After retirement, Billie relocated with her husband to the Cambridge area, where they spent a year building and landscaping their home. Billie supported Jim in a second career and volunteered at Hospice of Guernsey and Southeastern Med gift shop.

Billie developed a lifelong passion for gardening, with a focus on native plants before native became fashionable. She belonged to the Grow and Show Garden Club as a member and treasurer. In her later years, she enjoyed meeting old high school friends for lunch, attending class reunions and spending time with her family and pets.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Jim, her daughters Michelle Leger of Cambridge and Krystn Opava of Gahanna, Ohio; her granddaughters Natalie and Anna Opava; brothers George M. Palmer of Lake St. Louis, Missouri, Robert E. Palmer of Powell, Ohio and Harold Palmer of Columbus, Ohio, and cousins, nieces and nephews.

A public viewing will be held Saturday, June 17, 2017 from 1 to 4 p.m., followed by service at 4 p.m. at Bundy-Law funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Hospice of Guernsey, Inc., PO Box 1165, Cambridge, Ohio 43725. Billie's online tribute wall may be viewed and signed at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

At a later date

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home
120 North 11th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725
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Service

JUN 17. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Jim and your family , so sorry to learn of the passing of Billie, your partner for many years, and Daughters , she will be missed. I only met you and Billie for a very short time, and in that time , I felt like I had known you for years.

She was so receptive to show me what Love and hard work went into your home. We are unable to travel for service on this short notice but you will be in our hearts and prayers. Steve Long



Steve Long - June 15, 2017 at 07:21 PM

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“ Valerie DiPietro



Valerie DiPietro - June 14, 2017 at 09:37 PM

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“ Cindy Palmer lit a candle in memory of Billie Von Leger



Cindy Palmer - June 14, 2017 at 01:20 PM

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“ *Maureen Truax lit a candle in memory of Billie Von Leger*



maureen truax - June 14, 2017 at 11:24 AM

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Billie was a very loving person, I will never forget her

maureen truax - June 14, 2017 at 02:52 PM