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Norma Kraps Obituary

Norma Lucille Kraps, 89, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 12, 2013 at Keystone Pointe Health and Rehabilitation Center, Lagrange following a lengthy illness. She was born June 2, 1923 in Litchfield, OH, daughter of the late Edward and Viola (nee Pfeiffer) Werner. She was a 1940 graduate of Sullivan High School and attended the Wooster College of Business. During WWII, she was a secretary at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base and moved to Elyria in 1946 where she was a secretary at the Chamber of Commerce and Ohio Edison. She was a former member of the Elyria Womens Office Workers Group and the Elyria Guys and Dolls. She wed her husband William in 1956 and they lived most of their lives in the Grafton area. Norma will be remembered as an avid birdwatcher who was well known throughout the surrounding counties. She was a core member of the Black River Audubon Society, meeting originally as a small group at Ely Woods in the early 1950s. She held many positions on their board and coordinated many activities and trips. She was a beloved mentor to many beginning birdwatchers and was an advocate for preservation of wildlife and birding habitats. She enjoyed the company of her Audubon friends and traveling with her husband across the U.S. adding bird species to her birding life-list which dates back to 1936. She was a volunteer at the Metro Parks Carlisle Visitor Center and a nature guide for area schools 5th grade camps. She enjoyed journaling and writing to friends. Norma was also a 50+ year member of the LaPorte United Methodist Church where she served as Sunday School teacher and board member. She was also a supporter of Boy Scouts of America as a Cub Scout and Webelo leader for many years. Norma is survived by sons, Jeffrey (Linda) of Grafton and Bart (Phyllis) of Penfield Twp.; her grandchildren, Gregory Kraps of Grafton and Laura Kraps of Elyria; sister Leah Grieve of Elyria and many nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was



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preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, William R.; her son, Stuart L.; sister Allene Lance and other close family and friends. A memorial Service will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 2, 2013 at LaPorte United Methodist Church, 2071 Grafton Rd., Elyria with Reverend Jonathan McCleery officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to: Black River Audubon Society, P.O. Box 33, Elyria, OH 44036; LaPorte United Methodist Church; or the Alzheimers Association, P.O. Box 74924 Cleveland, OH 44194. Burial will be in Butternut Ridge Cemetery, Carlisle Twp. Dicken Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Elyria handled arrangements. For online condolences, visit www.dickenfuneralhome.com

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JC

Janet Cosgrove posted:

Jeff, Bart, Linda and family, I am truly sorry for your loss. I know Norma is in a good place now and may rest in peace. She was a wonderful Aunt and I have great memories of time spent with her.

February 4 at 8:00 PM

PF

Pat & Carl Filipiak posted:

I was saddened to read that your mom had passed away. I have many wonderful memories of the times when you all lived across from us on Robson Road. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. Pat (Lance) Filipiak

January 18 at 8:00 PM

PF

Pat & Carl Filipiak posted:

Jeff and Bart, I was saddened to read of your mom's passing and just wanted to send my sincere sympathy. You all were wonderful neighbors to have living across the street for many years and I have great memories of those times when you "kids" were small. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

January 17 at 8:00 PM

LK

Linda Kraps posted:

Sharing in sympathy and memories of Norma with our entire family. May we find peace in knowing she has gone home to be with our Lord and our other beloved family members.

January 16 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Norma by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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