



Lillian Mae Harper

April 1, 1922 - December 25, 2009

Lillian Webster Harper died Friday, December 25, 2009. Lillian was born April 1, 1922, the daughter of Donald O. and Mildred Howard Webster, Sr. After graduating from Onondaga Valley Academy, she worked for the New York Telephone Company, where she met her husband John E. Harper, Sr., to whom she was happily married for 60 years. Lillian also worked for Terrill's Potato Chips as a bookkeeper and The South Side News in the advertising Dept. She was an avid gardener, a volunteer companion for the elderly, and the Webster family genealogist. She was proud of her family's heritage, being a descendant of Ephraim Webster, Jr., one of the first European settlers in Onondaga Valley, and she lived her entire life in the valley on the south side of Syracuse. Lillian is survived by two brothers, Donald Jr. and Richard Webster; one son, John E. (Merikay) Harper, Jr. of LaFayette, New York; two daughters, Diane Harper of Chuluota, Florida, and Sue Okoniewski of Syracuse, New York; four grandchildren, six great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, John in 2005; and by her sister, Shirley Webster Graham in 1986. Services will be Tuesday, December 29, 2009, 11:00 a.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York. Burial will be in Onondaga Valley Cemetery, 2500 Valley Drive, Syracuse, New York. Calling hours will be Monday, December 28, 2009, 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York. Contributions may be made to Hospice of CNY, 990 Seventh North Street, Liverpool, New York 13088

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lillian Mae Harper*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - December 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sue, I am very saddened to have learned of your mothers passing. Although many years have gone by now since her and I last spoke, I always enjoyed our visits together when she would stop by the garage. She was always very pleasant to talk with and always excited about some of latest endeavors. I will add her to my prayers.*
Michael Lighton

December 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I only knew Lil for a short time, but she always made me feel like we had been friends forever. I will miss her lovely letters (no one writes those anymore) and although a ray of sunshine has left us, a star is shining just a bit brighter now. Lil, you will be missed.*

December 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Many times during the summer, the phone would ring and after a few brief words the familiar phrase would be repeated... ""I'll meet you at the fence..."" Usually, I would be the lucky recipient of flowers, tomatoes, cakes, or just an update on family stuff. It was a blessing to have whatever wisdom Lil shared, and she said so much with so few words. She was a woman of strength and integrity and she was honorable and loyal to her family. She had class, compassion and chutzpah... She was more than family, she was a friend and I will miss her every day of my life.

December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ JOHN,DIANE&SUSIE,MY SISTER CALLED ME TODAY WITH THE NEWS OF YOUR MOMS PASSING.SO MANY MEMORIES OF GROWING UP ON MONTICELLO CAME FLOODING BACK. IT WAS A GREAT TIME TO GROW UP,WHEN NEIGHBORS WERE INVOLVED WITH EACH OTHER AND WATCHED OUT FOR EACH OTHERS CHILDREN.PEOPLE TRULY CARED.JOHN,DIANE AND SUE, TO ME,YOUR MOM WAS THE THREAD THAT HELD THAT STREET TOGETHER.I REMEMBER A TIME WHEN SHE TALKED MY MOM INTO LETTING ME BACK IN THE HOUSE AFTER BEING LOCKED OUT.(I THINK THAT TIME I WAS LATE FOR DINNER)FUNNY NOW, AND IN MY MOMS FINAL YEARS, BOTH SHE AND YOUR DAD CONTINUED CARING, MAKEING SURE SHE WAS OK. TRUE FRIENDSHIP TO THE END. I KNOW THE LOSS OF YOUR MOM CUTS DEEP INTO A PLACE THAT DID NOT EXIST BEFORE. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL AT THIS TIME. JOHN,ALISSA,LEANNE AND SAMANTHA LOUISE

December 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Condolences from Florida and fond memories. Love to all. Al.

December 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *John, Merikay and Debbie You are in our thoughts and prayers,*

December 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *With Deepest Sympathy, The Paul Okoniewski Family.*

December 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Some of my best childhood memories are of you and grandpa parked in our side yard. I would come have breakfast with you guys every morning while you were visiting. The question was... toas with butter (grandpa) or toas with butter and jelly (you). I always chose butter, lol... I'll have you know that I've come to love jelly too...Love You, Christina*

December 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *The family will greatly miss Aunt Lil, the matriarch of our strong family. So many memories of her over all these years, I would'nt know where to begin. Plain and simple, we will miss her. John, Diane and Susie, be proud to of called her mom.*

December 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *You're in the arms of the angels, now. Love you forever . . .*

December 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM