



Lucille Grossman

May 25, 1939 - August 19, 2020

A special angel entered into heaven on August 19, 2020 when Lucille Grossman succumbed to COVID-19 after a courageous and hard fought battle. She was 81 years young and loved by all that knew her. She was known to be very independent, strong, stoic, compassionate, and loving.

Lucille was born May 25, 1939 in Roe, Arkansas to her parents, Myrtle Lee Osborn and Allen James Cupples. She was one of nine children. The family moved to Newton, Iowa where she spent her formative years and learned the value of a dollar at an early age. She worked as a waitress to help support the family until she graduated from Newton Senior High School. She moved to Hollywood, California in 1957 where her first daughter, Monique was born on December 31 1960, and her second daughter, Therese Renee ("Teri"), was born on May 18, 1962. She moved from Hollywood to Chicago later in 1962 where she raised her two girls while working as an executive secretary. To supplement her income, she also worked part-time as executive assistant to the Chief Surgeon of the Chicago Police Department, Dr. James Carroll, whom remained a lifelong friend until he passed away in 1997. It was in Chicago that she met the love of her life, Robert "Bobby" Grossman. Lucille was a very spiritual person and made the decision to convert to Judaism before they married in 1968. Bobby then adopted Monique and Teri. Together they had a son, Victor Grossman, born on August 13, 1970. The family lived on Chicago's north side from 1968 to 1986 when they moved to Deerfield, Illinois. Beginning in 1979 Lucille proudly worked as a Cook County Deputy Sheriff for the next 21 years. Bobby and Lucille lived their remaining years happily together in Deerfield until Bobby passed away in June 2002. Lucille remained in Deerfield until moving to Round Rock, Texas in 2013 to live her remaining years close to her daughter, Monique, and her grandchildren. Teri then joined the family and also moved to Texas in 2015.

It is devastating to have lost Lucille due to the ravages of the COVID-19 virus. However there are many beautiful memories of her that the family would like to share with everyone. Lucille was a breast cancer survivor. She was a Words with Friends Champion and master at the game of Dominos. She was a ferocious reader and loved a good thriller

novel. She taught her grandchildren, Allison and Richard, the joy of museums, libraries, high quality shopping and the GOOD chocolate from Fannie May. She made the best beer brisket and potato pancakes that you will ever taste. Her favorite drink was “Ken’s secret recipe” Bloody Mary made by her son-in-law, so heaven better have a good one waiting for her today. She loved Big Eyes (Walter Keane) and Picasso paintings. She enjoyed the view of the beautiful birds and flowers from the window in her room at Park Place Care Center in Georgetown, Texas where she resided from 2014 until passing. Her favorites were the red cardinals and the red roses because she said they reminded her of Bobby. During her time at Park Place she ran the Bingo Parlor with her daughter Teri, she was Vice President of the Park Place Resident Counsel and this past April campaigned and swept the election to become President. The entire family endearingly referred to her as “Madame President” from that point forward. Lucille was very proud that she was a woman living in the state of Texas with the title of president and a Democrat on top of that!

Lucille is survived by her children Monique Butz (Kenneth), Therese Grossman (late Robert Judson), and Victor Grossman (Katie); grandchildren Allison DeWitt (Lance), Richard Butz (Deana), great-grandchildren Kylee, Braysen and Samuel, and sisters Ruth Osborn, Kay Lepley and Susie Munger. She is preceded in death by her husband Robert Grossman, parents Allen and Myrtle Cupples, and her siblings Gene Cupples, Pearl Umbarger, Allene Nelson, Shirley Crabtree, and Allen Cupples Junior.

Lucille will be laid to rest at Westlawn Cemetery in Norridge, Illinois. Services will be determined at a later date. Donations in Lucille's memory may be made to the Breast Cancer Resource Center of Round Rock, MD Anderson Cancer Center or Meals on Wheels.

Comments



“ Mom with her sisters and brother and Grandma at Aunt Sue's wedding



therese grossman - September 09, 2020 at 05:21 PM



“ Mom and Dad in 80s..



therese grossman - September 09, 2020 at 04:36 PM



“ My mom and dad in the 70s, even with her eyes closed it was my favorite picture of them:)



therese grossman - September 07, 2020 at 06:50 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to your family. I’m so grateful that I got to know Mrs. Grossman since she was my Mom’s (Florence Jones) roommate the past few years before she passed this April. I very much enjoyed talking with Mrs. Grossman about the books she read, politics and her beloved Cubs...who she finally got to see win the World Series. I admired her intellect and passionate beliefs. She was also a very watchful and kind companion to my Mom, and friendly to each member of my family who visited. She remembered, and celebrated with us, my Mom’s birthdays...like the wonderful card I included. And, I sincerely appreciated her kind words of comfort when my Mom passed. May God bless and comfort Teri and Monique who I often saw lovingly care for their Mom. From the Jones family to yours, please accept our condolences.

Lester L Jones



Lester Jones - September 05, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ Thank you Lester for your kind words. My condolences also for your Mother Florence. Im sure they are both up in heaven watching down on us together now smiling.

Teri Grossman

therese grossman - September 06, 2020 at 07:27 PM



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Therese Grossman - August 29, 2020 at 11:33 PM



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Therese Grossman - August 29, 2020 at 11:31 PM



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Therese Grossman - August 29, 2020 at 11:30 PM



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Monique Butz - August 27, 2020 at 04:40 PM



“ From Allison and Lance's wedding. This was a special night for us all to celebrate with. Mom was so happy to be there and see the special day.



Therese Grossman - August 24, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ I have so many memories of Lucille, and have always wished I could be more like her. One of my favorite memories is of Lucille holding, rocking, walking with a very unhappy, baby ,(Richard) (sorry Rich!) at Mundeline beach for what seemed like HOURS, with not even a moment of impatience and in the car back to Deerfield. I remember thinking , " what a woman " and she was a wonderful mom, grandma , great grandma. I know she placed family above all else in her life I feel blessed to be a small part of her extended family

Georgi - August 24, 2020 at 11:08 AM



“ What a wonderful wonderful woman. I just heard about her passing, my love & good vibes go out to all Mrs Grossmans loved ones. I will forever carry a special place in my heart for her. I felt very blessed getting to know her over the years not only as a nurse of hers but a friend.

Nikkie Raigoza - August 23, 2020 at 06:53 PM



“ Lucille was one of our dearest friends. She had such a positive outlook on life and brought joy to all whose lives she touched. I enjoyed our friendly political discussions even though we represented the opposite extremes of the political spectrum. She especially enjoyed her family and being with them during special occasions. She asked every morning to begin the day with prayer. Park Place will not be the same without Lucille. She will be missed.
Jim and Jonnie Sue

Jim McDonald - August 23, 2020 at 08:57 AM



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Kay Lepley - August 23, 2020 at 06:33 PM



“ Thank you Jim and Jonnie Sue,

You were both so dear to her heart and we appreciate your kind words. She always spoke of you both with such high regard and having you both there made it so much better for my mother and for our family.

Bless you both,

Teri Grossman

therese grossman - September 06, 2020 at 07:55 PM



“ Lu

Thank you for showing me what a mother’s love felt like for the first time in my life, and accepting me as part of your family. I will miss truly miss you. Love, Katie.



Vic & Katie - August 22, 2020 at 05:18 PM



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Therese Grossman - August 22, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ Teri, Monique, Allison, Ruth and Mom a celebration for her birthday a few years ago.

Therese Grossman - August 22, 2020 at 09:42 AM



“ I will always remember Lucille as a very strong woman with a gentle soul. She was such a kind neighbor, soft spoken with a very big heart and deep love for her family.

Thank you for sharing her legacy. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Heather Ruffolo - August 24, 2020 at 08:19 PM



“ Madam President



Therese Grossman - August 22, 2020 at 09:38 AM



“ Rest in peace my beautiful mother, my best friend..



Therese Grossman - August 22, 2020 at 05:36 AM



“ Dear Lucille,
Thank you for being so easy to love from the first time I met you.
Thank you for trusting me to marry your daughter and believing me when I promised to be a good guy.
Thank you for letting Monique and Allison move across the country in 1986 so that I could pursue my career, even though that broke your heart.
Thank you for your elegance in never having a cross word or ever raising your voice.
Thank for always making me feel loved and welcome in your home.
Thank you for being the mother- in-law that any man would dream to have.
I will always cherish your memory, and I will miss you.
Love- Ken

Ken Butz - August 21, 2020 at 05:04 PM



“ You are the best son in law she could have ever asked for. She always appreciated everything you did for her and our family. She loved you so much.

Therese Grossman - August 22, 2020 at 05:01 PM



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Marian & Gary Garrard - August 21, 2020 at 04:21 PM



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Ken Butz - August 21, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, For all that we love deeply becomes a part of us”

Lucille will truly be missed. She was a gem. She loved gatherings at Monique's house for holidays, dinners and especially her birthday! She always looked forward to Ken's Bloody Mary! Ken knew the way to his mother-in-law's heart! Lucille was a very loving mother to Monique and Teri and truly appreciated all that they did for her. Rest In Peace Lucille and Love to all of her family.

Marian & Gary Garrard - August 20, 2020 at 11:55 PM



“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. Lucille was such a sweet lady and it was obvious how much she loved her family. She was always so nice to me. I know she'll be missed by all that loved her. I'm praying for your family during this difficult time.

Amy Wills - August 20, 2020 at 09:55 PM



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Vic & Katie - August 20, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ New Years Eve bubbly at Park Place

Monique Butz - August 25, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ Vic & Katie lit a candle in memory of Lucille Grossman



Vic & Katie - August 20, 2020 at 07:05 PM



“ We love and miss you. You where the best mother a son could have ever hoped for.

Vic & Katie - August 20, 2020 at 07:07 PM



“ Sorry for your loss

Kelly Callison - August 20, 2020 at 07:59 PM



“ So sorry for your loss.

Gena - August 20, 2020 at 09:27 PM



“ We love you guys!!! sending all our love and strength! She was such a special woman...

Christie, Ali and pj

christie lovas - August 22, 2020 at 09:56 PM