



From Your Grandchildren

Loving, caring, stern but stable, you made memorable moments not easily forgotten. With silver in your hair and gold in your heart, you provided a haven for anyone in need, and you never failed to be a wellspring of knowledge and encouragement.

Time with your grace was time well spent.

We appreciate everything you did for our family and the sacrifices that you made. You always provided us with a sense of comfort and unwavering support, and we hope to display the grace and kindness that you showed others. Even though your soul has left this world, your presence will forever be in our hearts.

We will miss you, Grandi. May you Rest in Peace.

Ron, Ryan, Alyssa, Cameron & Sheleah



Acknowledgment

Our family wishes to express sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many comforting messages, prayers, flowers and kind expressions of love and sympathy shared with us, during our time of bereavement.



Inurnment

Gate of Heaven Cemetery

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Please join us for the repast following the inurnment at
The Heritage Club, 6690 Heritage Club Drive, Mason, Ohio 45040



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A Service of Memory Celebrating the Life of

Lucy Boase Baulton

April 12, 1940 — January 17, 2023



— *Mass of Christian Burial* —

Friday, January 27, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

St. Susanna Catholic Church

616 Reading Road • Mason, Ohio 45040

Fr. Elias Mwesigye, *Presiding*

Obituary

LUCY BOOSE BOULTON was born at home on April 12, 1940, in Hickory, Mississippi to Henry Clay Boose and Velma (Hill) Boose as the seventh of what would grow to become a loving and close-knit family of 13 children. She lived a full, gracious, and faith-filled life before peacefully transitioning on January 17, 2023, to join her heavenly Father and the loved ones who preceded her in death, including her parents and five of her siblings, Rosie (Boose) Lewis, Robert Boose, Henry Boose, Willie (Boose) Cross and Johnny Boose. She loved each of them with all her heart and treasured her fond memories of their precious moments together.

During her school-age years, Lucy was known as a spirited young person who excelled in everything that she pursued, including academics and athletics. In addition to earning accolades as a bright student who set an example for others, she led the way as a basketball player, aiding Hickory High School and her district in winning multiple trophies, and also had the distinction of being named Miss Hickory High during her senior year. While shining at school, Lucy also carried her weight in the fields on her family’s farm, often picking crops faster than anyone else before assisting others with their chores. She also became the family cook, mastering the art of making “the best biscuits,” according to her siblings, using a well-loved wooden bowl that belonged to her mother and which we still have today.

In 1958, after marrying Lee Otis Boulton, Lucy moved from Mississippi to Chicago, Illinois. They bore two daughters, Renée and Sheilah. Lucy and her daughters often referred to themselves as the “three musketeers,” and by her example, she taught them the values of faith, love of family, service to others, education, and a strong work ethic. They’d often hop in the car for visits to Chicago museums, excursions to arts centers, White Sox and Cubs baseball games and picnics in the park. Occasionally, just to explore, they packed up for road trips across Michigan, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania. Lucy exposed her girls to new places and people and instilled in them the confidence that they could do anything and go anywhere they imagined.

Following early jobs in retail in the early 1960s, Lucy had a nearly 30-year career with the U.S. Postal Service, where she rose through the ranks to become a well-respected route supervisor after earning a Bachelor’s degree in business administration from Chicago State University. Lucy loved reading, singing, and traveling, but she was also an avid sports fan. She not only rooted for her beloved (and often beleaguered) Chicago Bears and Bulls, but also for her adopted Cincinnati Bengals and Cincinnati Reds, in addition to several college basketball and football teams. She could hold her own in any conversation about sports and was a member of tennis and golf leagues over the years.

A devoted family member, Lucy served as the Boose family historian after her paternal side of the family began hosting annual family reunions in the mid-’70s. She amassed thousands of records, films, and photos of the Boose and Hill family lineage and enthusiastically shared her findings with anyone who would inquire. Lucy was a proud member of the Afro-American Genealogical & Historical Society of Chicago, and she often completed her files by traveling across the country to find elusive bits of

information. Her displays and knowledge of family history were memorable highlights of the Boose family reunion events — which annually hosted hundreds of family members over the decades.

A humble, but strong and faith-filled woman, Lucy showed her devotion to others throughout her life. Even as a teen, she taught Sunday school classes at Wesley Union Methodist Church in her hometown. She continued her focus on service when she later converted to Catholicism and joined the Sacred Heart Parish in Chicago, where she served on numerous parish committees and service projects. When she later moved to Mason, Ohio, she again found herself connected to a church family at St. Susanna’s Catholic Church. She was devout and prayed daily for her family and friends, and her bible and rosaries were always within her reach.

Lucy’s relocation to Ohio, following her well-earned retirement from the U.S. Postal Service, also allowed her to purchase her very first home. Lucy thoroughly enjoyed living in what felt like a “small town” again. She immersed herself in the community through various volunteer endeavors, including serving at the election polls, making baby blankets for children in need through the Project Linus organization, volunteering at the annual ATP/Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, and supporting local food banks. In her spare time, she spent many hours playing chair volleyball, learning new card games, and playing bingo and mahjong with her many newfound friends at the Mason Recreation Center. Four years ago, Lucy moved to an assisted living community, where she once again set down her roots and made new friends who fell in love with her gentle demeanor, her colorful hats, and her ability to tell-it-like-it-was with a smile — like when she told the chef, without hesitation, that her collard greens were better than his. While there, Lucy also renewed her love of sketching and painting and thoroughly enjoyed taking art classes, gardening, and winning at trivia.

Known to her grandchildren as “Grandi”, Lucy was a loving and energetic grandparent. She shared with them adventures in the park, library visits, and her eclectic taste in music, from Motown to the Beatles to Yanni. She cheered for and applauded them at every chance, from school plays to a variety of sports activities, including basketball, soccer, football and track. Lucy loved it all and was a steady, positive influence, offering words of wisdom, a hug, encouragement and her trademark pieces of Brach’s peppermint candy with a smile. She relished her time with her grandchildren and was always willing to drop everything to be there for them when she was needed.

Even through her illness over the past several years, Lucy remained a much beloved and cherished mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, family member and friend. She retained the graciousness for which she was known, as well as her sense of humor and the strength and resilience that enabled her to thrive even in the darkest of times. Lucy will be truly missed and is survived by: her daughters, Renée (Marty) Dunn and Sheilah Boulton-Harris; her grandchildren, Ron Harris, Ryan Harris, Alyssa (Thomas Mullen) Dunn, Cameron Dunn and Sheleah Harris; her great-grandchildren, Rylan Harris and Rowen Harris; her surviving siblings, Ann (Elijah) Buffington, Shirley (John) Dunnaway, Arthur (Rubye) Boose, Rev. Ruby (Deacon Kermit) Thames, Charles (Cynthia) Boose, Bernard Boose and James Boose; and an absolute host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other loved ones and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial

Presider: Father Elias Mwesigye

INTRODUCTORY RITES

The use of the symbols of Baptism, the water, the cloth, and the candle, are a reminder of Lucy’s first entrance into the Catholic Church. The Paschal Candle stands as a symbol of the Risen Lord. Today is the celebration of Lucy’s life that has now reached fullness in eternal life with Christ.

Opening Hymn: “Holy, Holy, Holy”, Breaking Bread Hymnal #636

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Proverbs 31: 25-31

Read by: Alyssa Dunn; **All: Thanks be to God**

Responsorial: Psalm 23

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Read by: Cameron Dunn; **All: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

All: Thanks be to God

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Read by: Pat Wessel; **All: Thanks be to God**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: “Ave Maria”

Prayer Over The Gifts

Presider: Pray that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise & glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider: The Lord be with you. **All: And with your Spirit.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **All: It is right and just.**

Lord’s Prayer

The Sign of Peace

The Lamb of God

Presider: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Hymn: “Amazing Grace”

FAMILY WORDS OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT – Marty Dunn

FINAL COMMENDATION

As a sign of reverence and respect, the urn is blessed as we pray that our prayers “rise like incense” to God, who with the choirs of angels and saints, will welcome Lucy into eternal life.

Song of Farewell

Prayer of Commendation

Recessional Hymn: “On Eagle’s Wings”, Breaking Bread Hymnal #440