



Lila Beth Burke

March 8, 1936 - April 14, 2020

Lila Beth Burke, of Memphis, died April 14, 2020, at her home. She was preceded in death by her parents, Bruce and Naomi Burke.

She was born in Wynne, Arkansas, on March 8, 1936, and graduated from the University of Arkansas. A more avid Arkansas Razorback fan could not be found than Lila Beth.

Growing up, many of Lila Beth's summers were spent at the YWCA's Camp Miramichee as a camper and then a counselor. Almost all of her work career was spent at the YWCA. In 1977, she became the Executive Director of the YWCA in Memphis and served until her retirement in 1996. During her tenure, a number of programs benefiting women and children were begun – the abused women's shelter, non-traditional employment training, before and after school child care, and many others.

Lila Beth was a long-time member of St. John's United Methodist Church. Her volunteer activities were many and varied - The Door of Hope, Friends for Life, Mewtopia, and MIFA's Meals on Wheels. She was an avid gardener and was an active member of the Herb Society for many years. She loved to travel and was an excellent birder. She loved her neighborhood and served in many roles on the Central Gardens Association.

She is survived by countless cousins and good friends who will all miss her dearly, including her kitty, Geno.

Memorials may be sent to St. John's Methodist Church, 1207 Peabody Ave., Memphis, TN 38104 or a charity of choice.

In compliance with health and public safety directives, a graveside service will be held privately at will be held at Cogbill Cemetery with Kernodle Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Lila Beth many years ago through her friend Martha Matthews. I am sorry about Lila's passing but grateful for her long and generous life.

George Anne Draper - April 17, 2020 at 10:01 AM

SJ

“ Ms Lila Beth was a sweet and thoughtful neighbor. She was so excited when my girls chose the Univ of AR for college and when my father passed, she was the first to send condolences. She will be missed!

Sandra Jenkins - April 17, 2020 at 09:29 AM

EL

“ Eldridge lit a candle in memory of Lila Beth Burke



Eldridge - April 15, 2020 at 11:24 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Lila Beth Burke.



April 15, 2020 at 08:17 PM