



Mrs. Lillian J. Batch

August 7, 1923 - November 21, 2012

Mrs. Lillian J. Batch died Nov. 21 at her home in Hudson, NH.

Born August 7, 1923 in Pittsfield, Ma. daughter of Max and Anna (Huska) Jasik. She Graduated from Tucker School, Pittsfield led High School 1941 and worked at England Brothers as a department head .

Her husband Thomas went into Aviation Cadet Program, then part of the Army, in 1942 and graduated as a 2nd lieutenant. They became engaged when he came home on leave and were married March 3, 1943 at St. Anne's Church in Greenville, S.C.. This was Lillian's beginning of life as a Military Wife. She had four children: Susan Pamela, Irene Diane, Thomas Jr. and Jeanne Marie.

While a resident at Westover Field, Chicopee Falls, Ma., and at Levittown, PA, close to McGuire AFB, she was a Girl Scout leader and a member of the local PTA's as well as working with the mother's committees for boys sports in providing transportations and luncheons.

Her husband was assigned to the Chateauroux Air Station in France in August 1959. The family lived in Deols, France bordering the Air Station and traveled throughout Europe, a wonderful experience for the whole family.

She was very active with the Officers Wives Club doing charity work for orphans in France, chairing club luncheons and modeling in fashion shows to earn money for the charitable work. She was also a member of the Antiques Study Group. She was fortunate to have a Polish maid who took care of the home since she understood both Polish and Russian.

The family returned to the USA in August 1962. Her husband, a Lt. Col. at this was assigned to Grenier Field (now the Manchester Airport). They lived in Nashua before moving to Hudson.

She became interested in the Nashua Garden Club and became very active. She was voted President and served 3 terms, chaired the flower show that won a National Award, gave flower arranging classes and was a board member for 20 years. She led work for the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs. After serving as chairman of several sections she became the Merrimack District Director and became chairman of the New Hampshire Garden Club Show in Manchester.

She was a member of the Kittery Point Maine chapter of the Ikenobo, Ikebana Society of American. She studied floral art with that chapter and after receiving 2 citations for excellence was recognized as an Ikenobo student and was enrolled in the Ikenobo House of Floral Art in Kyoto Japan July 25, 1980. She was highly accomplished in the art of English Crewel and belonged to the Tuesday English Crewel embroidery club which offered rug hooking lessons. Family was important to Lillian. She was devoted to her husband and their children. Their children were especially devoted to her since their father was away most of the time during his military career.

Survived by Sister Olga Zaiken and family of Westfield, MA children Susan Hardman of Newton New Hampshire, Irene Batch of San Diego, CA Thomas Jr. and wife Lynn of Arlington, MA granddaughters Elisabeth and Amber, and cousins Kathryn Maruk and Christine Merlet.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Mrs. Lillian J. Batch died Nov. 21, 2012

Funeral services will be Saturday Nov. 24, at 11:00AM at the DWYER

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HOME with Rev. Barnabas Fravel officiating. Burial will follow in the Pittsfield Cemetery.

Calling hours will be Saturday morning from 10:00AM until the 11:00AM

service.

If friends desire donations may be made to any Pet Rescue Association care of the DWYER FUNERAL HOME, 776 North St. Pittsfield, MA 01201