



Lillian Johnsen Petrus

May 21, 1921 - October 22, 2013

Lillian Johnsen Petrus, 92, of Matthews, died Tuesday, October 22, 2013, at Novant Health in Matthews, NC.

Lillian was born in West Warwick, Rhode Island, on May 21, 1921; the daughter of Engelhardt and Victoria (nee Volle) Johnsen. She grew up in Willimantic, Connecticut, and on November 1, 1941, married Matthew Stanley Petrus at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Willimantic. Matthew preceded her in death on February 25, 2005. Lillian worked for ten years for Pratt and Whitney, but her calling in life was the family that she and Matthew were blessed with. She truly loved being a mom and eventually, a grandmother, and she will be sadly missed by her family and all who knew her.

Lillian is survived by two daughters: Jane Sandstrom and Nancy (husband Richard) Gates; a sister, Shirley Olsen; and a brother, Robert (Lila) Johnsen. She is further survived by three grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and numerous other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

The family will gather to remember and to celebrate the blessing that Lillian was on Friday, October 25, 2013, at 4:00 PM at the Abbey Funeral Home, 4037 N Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 850.562.1518. Following the services, Lillian will be taken to the Tallahassee Memorial Gardens where her

earthly remains will be laid to rest next to her husband, Matthew.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorials be made in Lillian's name to Lois' Lodge, 1301 Hemlock Street, Charlotte, NC, 28203. You may donate directly online at <http://www.loislodge.org/donate.html>

In addition to the Abbey Funeral Home of Tallahassee, the family has given the privilege of serving their needs in Charlotte to Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home, 4715 Margaret Wallace Road, Matthews, 704.545.3553.

Previous Events

Service

OCT **25**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Abbey Funeral Home
4037 N Monroe St
Tallahassee, FL 32303
<http://www.abbeyfh.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Lillian Johnsen Petrus*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Lillian Johnsen Petrus*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *I lieu of flowers Lillian would like contributions to Lois' Lodge po box 35188, charlotte 28235 a charity that helps unwed mothers and their newborn children. Or any charity that helps children as per her will. Thank you!*

Debra Fleming - October 24, 2013 at 11:36 AM



“ *A bright light has gone out here on Earth but she now illuminates Heaven for Eternity. We love you Grammie, the Afterglow of your Spirit will forever remain in our hearts.*

Dee Dec - October 24, 2013 at 08:01 AM



“ *Debra Fleming lit a candle in memory of Lillian Johnsen Petrus*



Debra Fleming - October 24, 2013 at 06:17 AM