



Lila Armstead

February 5, 1906 - January 5, 2008

Lila Younghans Armstead, age 101, of Fort Collins, CO formally of Greeneville, Tennessee, died January 5, 2008 at Spring Creek Health Care Center. Lila was born on February 5, 1906 in Rensselaer County, NY, to Madison and Emma (Uline) Younghans. While growing up, Lila was educated in small, rural, schoolhouse until her father moved the family to a farm in Troy, NY. After completing high school, Lila attended Russell Sage College (a small school for girls) in Troy, NY to study nursing. She graduated after earning a BSRN degree. Lila met Jim Armstead in Troy, NY where he was also attending school. The two were married on October 3, 1931, and were together 71 years until Jim's death on March of 2003. Lila worked as a nurse until she and Jim started a family. They had two sons, James Jr. and Stephen. Lila also opened her home to three other young men while they went to school. The couple later moved to Greeneville, TN. In 1971, when Jim retired, the two bought a trailer did a lot of traveling. After 12 years and a close call accident they called it quits for the travels. In 1994, after deteriorating health, Lila and Jim moved to Fort Collins to be closer their son Stephen, and his family. Lila was very active in church activities throughout the healthier part of her life. She was an avid bridge player, volunteered for the red cross, local blood banks in the towns where she lived, and was active in local youth programs such as 'Youth Builders' in Greeneville, TN and the 'Troy Boys Club' in Troy, NY. Lila was preceded in death by her husband of 71 years; James Armstead, a brother; and two sisters. Cremation will be conducted, and a

memorial service will be held privately. Lila and Jim will be buried together at the Oakgrove Cemetery in Westhaven, CT. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lila Armstead*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I moved to Oak Hills neighborhood in Greeneville, TN when I was in high school, across the street from "Mr. Jim and Ms. Lila." Jim always inspired me with how well his lawn looked (my mom compares us now that I'm a nut about my lawn) and "Ms. Lila" was always willing to listen and give me the benefit of her experience and great advice on life. She was a dear person, always open to conversation and as sweet and kind as anyone I have ever met in all my years. I have missed her since I left Greeneville after my High School graduation and kept up with her and Jim through my mom for many years until Jim's death and her subsequent move to Ft. Collins. You are indeed a lucky family to have had her as a loving mom (even though I bet you didn't get away with much). She will be missed. In Christian sympathy, Michael Shepherd (former neighbor in Greeneville, TN)*

Michael Shepherd - January 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Armstead Family,*

It has indeed been a sheer pleasure to get to know Lila and many of the family members over the years. My visits to her gave me great insight to her amazing world and her love of her family and friends. She was/is an inspiration for all of us and I will miss our conversations about the world and our journey through life in this world. Her smile will be with me always!

Kathy Bollacker - January 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *May the grace and love of GOD comfort the family of LILA and Jim during this sorrowful time.*

Our deepest sympathy is sent to you.

Edna & Dick Nojeim.

Edna and Dick Nojeim - January 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Troy, New York, I found, was our common ground when first meeting Lila. We laughed before finishing our introductions, with both having yet to meet anyone in Colorado previous that had even heard of the Upstate, New York town, and certainly no one that had resided there. Over the many months, we learned that we had far more in common.*

I will miss Lila, but will take comfort in knowing that she has had a wonderful life with a wonderful family that she cared dearly for. She will be in my thoughts, even more so as I return to Troy to visit in the future.

My best to Steve and Lila's entire family.

Chris Bonsell - January 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I first met Lila and Jim at Kristin's wedding and learned that they had moved to our neighborhood. I visited them frequently during their the time they lived on Crestmore Place. When Lila and I discovered we both were nurses it was an instant bond. We shared many stories regarding our nursing experiences. Jim and Lila were wonderful hosts and storytellers. They were such sole mates and I adored them. I am so very sad to learn of Lila's death. Most of all for myself as I have been remiss in keeping in touch with them after they moved from our neighborhood. I know that Lila had lived a wonderful life and I'm sure she was ready to go on to be with Jim. My sincere sympathy to Steve and Sue, Kristin and all your family. God's peace to you. Larry and Joyce Weber.

Joyce L Weber - January 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I just returned from my winter break to hear my sweet Lila has moved on. I met Lila in August of 2007 and went to see her for two hours every week. She was assigned to be my mentor for a social work class at Colorado State University. Since then we became great friends and I brought her stuffed animals, strawberries and even a blanket just to keep her warm. She changed my life honestly and we shared so much. She called me the strawberry girl and always told me she loved me and I will miss that so much. She made each week complete for me and I will never forget her. I pray she is with her one and only Jim and god bless her and her family.

Alisha Singleton - January 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ We wish to extend our sympathy to all the Armstead family. We have lived in Greeneville since 1976. Jim and Lila and we were members of First Presbyterian church together for many years, so we knew them well and were good friends until the time they moved.

We also had another significant connection in that we also lived in Troy, NY. Jim and I were both graduates of RPI in Troy and when we arrived he was head of the Huyck Formex operation.

Jim and Lila were both exceptional people, great Christians, great character and good friends and we are sure they were good parents, and we applaud you, their children for caring for them for so many years.

Sincerely,
John and Shirley Snyder

John and Shirley Snyder - January 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM