



## Elizabeth Gehrke

March 16, 1932 - November 21, 2012

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Event.observe(window, 'load', googleTranslateElementInit);
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function googleTranslateElementInit() {  
  new google.translate.TranslateElement( {pageLanguage: 'en',  
  multilanguagePage: true}, 'google_translate_element');
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  if (navigator.userAgent && navigator.userAgent.match(/Firefox/)) {  
    // This is a terrible terrible hack, Google Translate blows away the sound on  
    Firefox.
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    // Calling reboot seems to bring it back.
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    soundManager.reboot();
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  }
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}
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Elizabeth Patricia O'Callaghan "Lily" Gehrke, age 80, departed this life November 21, 2012 following a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Lily is survived by daughters, Kerry (Dan) and Traci (Chris) and son, Timothy; her sister, Maureen Kramaraiuk. Her grandchildren, Emily, Ryan , and Colin added great joy to their grandmother's life. Ryan was the light of her life, always able to bring the sparkle into her eye no matter the circumstances. Emily, with her gentle spirit soothed her soul and Lily loved her dearly. Colin has her red hair and bright blue eyes. Lily was born in Dublin, Ireland to Denis and Margaret O'Callaghan. She came to the USA at age 23 and married Norbert Gehrke. Widowed at 32, she moved to Dayton, OH where she raised her children. The last 10 years prior to her Alzheimer's diagnosis were spent in Columbia, SC, where she loved to garden and chat with the neighbors. She spent the last 2 1/2 years at Bethany Lutheran Village, where she was a beloved resident and made so many smile with her cheery and helpful disposition, her fun and laughter, and silly antics. Her family wishes to thank the staff at Bethany Lutheran Village and various friends and family for all the love and support given to our Lily and to our family. Lily was an inspiration to many in how she faced her final challenge with dignity and perseverance, always facing each new day with a smile on her face. Please remember her spirit. Burial at David's Cemetery. If desired, contributions may be made in Lily's memory to Alzheimer's Association Miami Valley, 3797 Summit Glen Drive, Suite G100, Dayton, OH 45449.

# Tribute Wall

EO

“ *This message is for Tim Gehrke. Our prayers are with you and we are truly for your loss. Your friends from WPAFB.*

*Lois Gschwender and Ed Snyder*

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**Ed Snyder and Lois Gschwender - Dayton, OH - November 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

MF

“ *Traci, thinking about you during this time of loss.*

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**Michael and Sharon Gray - Chapin, SC - friend of the family - November 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

DF

“ *Kerry and Dan,*

*I am so sorry to hear of Lily's passing. I am glad I was able to meet her when we went caroling with Miles That Matter. She was a very sweet and beautiful lady. May you find some peace in memories of happy times you shared together. Those we love are always with us in spirit even though not right beside us.*

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**Debbie Hannen - Friend - November 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

AT

“ *I have such lovely memories of your mom. Her laugh...and lots of lipstick, her voice and warm soul. May peace be with you all as you remember her as she was. I am so thankful to her to have a daughter that is my best friend!*

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**Autumn Johnson - Dayton, OH - Friend of Traci - November 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

DN

“ Dear Kerry, Traci, Tim and Families,  
We were so sorry to learn of your Mother's passing. We have such fond memories of her from the many years of living next door. She was truly a very special lady who loved her children and grandchildren so very much. She raised three wonderful children alone and always had a smile on her face. She was one of the most positive and strong women we have ever known. May you find peace knowing she is no longer suffering and is busy making everyone smile in her new place!

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**Denise (Pohl) Borns - Dayton, OH - Former Next Door Neighbor** - November 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ I hope she is in a better and more peaceful place. I also hope she is partying with her cousin John, who always enjoyed her company and really loved her dearly. Traci, Kerry and Tim, your Mom was indeed an interesting and funny Lady. There was nothing pretentious about Lilly, what you saw and heard, was exactly who she was. I heard so many funny stories about her. She was never dull to be with.. Love and God Bless all of you.

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**Geraldine Callaghan - Little Egg Harbor, NJ - Cousin-in-Law** - November 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Traci I just remember going to your house and seeing your mom before you and I would go out. I loved her accent.

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**Cathi Byrne - Carlisle, OH - Traci's friend** - November 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ I am so glad that I was able to know your mother, she was a sweet and cheerful lady!! She will be missed. My prayers go out to all of you!!! Love to all, Natalie, Nicky, Kaylee and Autumn

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**Natalie Browder - CHAPIN, SC - Friend** - November 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ The last time I was with Lily she was having trouble walking down to get lunch. The attendant brought her in a wheel chair. She was sitting across from another woman who asked what was wrong. I told her Lily was having a little trouble walking. She looked straight at Lily and said you need to stop drinking. I thought I might see one of Lily's famous hand signs but she just looked at her shook her head and smiled.

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**Sande Parrott - Friend** - November 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Kerry, Dan, Ryan and Emily...

We are very sorry to learn of Lily's passing...our thoughts and prayers are with you all.....

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**Kirsch Family** - November 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM