



Jean Hitzemann

June 26, 1929 - March 19, 2020

Born 6-26-29 to Walter and Vera Kuivenen in Ashtabula, Ohio, 90 years ago. Growing up in Cleveland and graduating from East High in Cleveland, she attended Bowling Green State University, working on a Physical Education degree. She met and married her husband of 61 years, Rudy Hitzemann. Preceded in death by her parents, Vera and Walter; her brother, Walter (Claire) Kuivenen, and husband, Rudy. Survived by sons, John, Gary (Theresa), Dan, 6 grandchildren, and 1 great-granddaughter, her wonderful friend and “daughter” Laurel. Not only was she a wife, mother of 4 boys, homemaker, she was also Rudy’s substitute swim coach. The boys would always work harder and swim faster if Rudy simply said, “Guys, I don’t feel well. I think I’m going to bring my sub in tomorrow.” In the 70’s she worked at the Hickory Farms store in the Continent, retired from Lazarus Department store, earning the Associate of the year award for her dedication to customer service and top sales. Founding member of the Highland Ave Women’s Dinner Club. Anything to get out of the house and away from an all-male household and to commune with the other ladies of the neighborhood. She was very supportive of her husband, who worked two full-time jobs to support a large family. Having his meals and clothes laid out and ready to go. And keeping the boys quiet and or out of the house while Rudy slept. She will be dearly missed by all. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Condolences may be made to the family at www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Jean Hitzemann*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *The entire Finnell Family is thinking of your family and praying for all of you. You're mom was a fantastic woman and will be forever remembered that way. ❤️❤️❤️*

Sunny Finnell - March 26, 2020 at 11:11 AM



“ *Cheryl's Classic Gift Tower was purchased for the family of Jean Hitzemann.*



March 22, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ *I was so shocked and sad to read of Jean's passing this morning! We worked for years together at Lazarus and our husbands taught school together. Many fond memories of years together at Lazarus! Still have a picture of her on my refrigerator with other friends from Lazarus. You are now back with your Rudy and you and Rita can catch up! Rest In Peace my dear friend , you will be missed! My condolences to all of Jean's family. Hope you will let us know the date of the memorial service.*
Susan and David Dayton

Susan and David Dayton - March 21, 2020 at 10:40 PM

JO

“ Jean was a wonderful neighbor and friend. I have many great memories of Jean but the best times were when The Highland Avenue ladies enjoyed dinners out together. Jean loved to bring people together! She will be missed.
Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hitzemann family.
Julie and Jim Odebrecht
Collierville, TN

Julie Odebrecht - March 21, 2020 at 06:38 PM

DH

“ Paul and family. So sorry to hear about your mom. Thoughts and prayers are with you.
Dave Hyland

Dave Hyland - March 21, 2020 at 11:06 AM