



## Lillian Bernhagen

February 17, 2013

BERNHAGEN Lillian Bernhagen (nee: Flickinger), 96 years young of Worthington, OH, died February 17, 2013 at Kobacker House after a short illness. Born October 1, 1916 in Cleveland, OH to parents Norman H. and Bertha (Rogers) Flickinger. School nurse and director of health services the Worthington School District from 1951-1976. She retained her RN certification until her death. Attended Ohio Wesleyan University. Received a B.S. and R.N., and Masters from The Ohio State University. She has published numerous articles in professional journals and magazines. She developed a health education program for the Worthington Schools and published two sexuality booklets for teen. She received many awards including Centennial Award for School Nursing at OSU; Outstanding Alumnae OSU; Distinguished Service Award from the American Public Health Association as well as The American School Health Association where she served as President. She was recognized as one of The Two Thousand Women of Achievement in 1970; and appears in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in the World*; and most recently was recognized as a Local Nursing Legend by The Medical Heritage Center at OSU. As a national lecturer and consultant she served on many professional committees. She was an avid golfer active in the OSU Women's Golf Association; she was a keen bridge player playing with her Chi Omega sisters as well as with the Worthington Women's Club. She was a certified Holistic Coach advanced practitioner and served as the Managing editor and poet for "Self Growth Wisdom" (*Journeys of Wisdom*) up until the time of her

death. She was a member of the King Avenue United Methodist Church since 1936 and sang in the choir for many, many years. She was famous for the annual choir Christmas party as well as her fabulous cooking and hostessing skills. Survived by daughters, Janet Proffitt (George), Jamestown, TN; Penny Braat (Jim), Avon Lake, OH. Also survived by sisters, Eunice Bonar (Dallas, TX) and Wanda Flickinger (Bronxville, NY). Preceded in death by husband Ralph; infant son Ralph; parents; sister Norma Poling; brother Judson Flickinger. There will be no visitation. A Memorial Celebration of Lillian's Life Through Music will be held at The King Avenue United Methodist Church (corner of King and Neil, Columbus, Ohio), Tuesday, March 12th at 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate any donation in her memory to Kobacker House, or Ohio Wesleyan University. Arrangements by RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lillian Bernhagen*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *We will miss Lillian at the Flickinger reunions. She always had a smile on her face and her laughter will long be remembered. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her entire family.*

**Richard, Cris and Michael Landals** - April 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Please allow me to extend my deepest sympathy during this difficult time to your family. I know the pain of losing a someone close. The scriptures have really helped me and I wanted to share some with your family. Like, in knowing that Jehovah God loves us, he is near to those that are broken at heart and those that are crushed in spirit he saves - Psalms 34:18; Psalms 83:18. One day soon, "no resident will say: I am sick" - Isaiah 33:24. John 5:28,29 gives hope of a future resurrection and Revelation 21:3,4 speaks of a time when death, mourning, or pain will be no more. Jesus at John 11:11 said to his disciples, "Lazarus our friend has gone to rest, but I am journeying there to awaken him from sleep." We can have faith in these promises. I had also personally wondered why God has temporarily allowed the suffering and death that surrounds us. I found the answers in the bible. It can bring much comfort to know the answers. If you don't have a copy of the bible you can find an online bible and other comforting information at [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org). Keeping you in my prayers. Shellye --- [Chefshellye@juno.com](mailto:Chefshellye@juno.com)*

**Shellye Andrus** - March 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ With deep sympathy for your loss. I didn't have the pleasure of meeting Lil until a few years ago. Dreaming of being a writer, she embraced my work, encouraged and guided me into better ways of writing and opened her heart to my life story. Her loving, compassionate nature, lighthearted spirit and broad view of life quickly drew me close. She is someone who will remain in my heart, in my life and as my inspiration forever. Love you Always Lillian

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**Kristine Timpert** - March 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Lil was a very dear soul who blessed me with her friendship. I am so sorry to hear of her passing but know that she is at peace with our Lord. I was at her house for a few choir Christmas parties and will never forget the fond memories I have of her and them. God bless!

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**Carol langkamp** - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Dear Berhagen family, I was sorry to hear about the lost of your dear Lillian. I wanted to share with you and your family a promise of real hope 1Corinthians 15: 26 "As the last enemy death is to be brought to nothing." Also 1 Corinthians 15: 21, 22 death is thought the man Adam...resurrection of the dead is through a man Jesus Christ." Yes there is hope of you loved one being resurrected into a paradise earth, "Your dead ones will live...They will rise up."...The righteous themselves will posses the earth, and they will reside forever pin it." Isaiah 26:19, Psalms 37:29. Sincerely, B. White

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**B. White** - March 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I've just learned of Lil's transition and offer my condolences. I met her many years ago at a Journeys of Wisdom class. She was open-hearted, always smiling, and an inspiration to all. She was--and still is--a beautiful spirit.

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**Aisha Shael** - March 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Lillian was the school nurse when I graduated in 1955. She was always great with the students at WHS. I bought my first car from her. She wanted to sell her old Oldsmobile, and I wanted to buy it. In it I could take my younger brother and my girlfriend to school. I had a lot of fun in that car thanks to your mother. Thought you might enjoy this little tidbit from many years ago.

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**Gary Boucher** - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I am a 1970 graduate of Worthington High School. My mother had the opportunity of working with Mrs. Bernhagan developing the health education program at the elementary level and Mrs. Bernhagan was the school nurse when I was in high school. She will be missed.

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**Marjorie (Chapin) Reed** - February 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Although not a close friend, through her father, who was minister at the Gay Street Methodist Church, in Mt. Vernon, I had visited with her and her late husband. Also, she was the school nurse when my two children were attending schools there. She was always so kind and friendly whenever we met. To all, especially Wanda and Eunice, my sincerest sympathy. Her devotion to the King Avenue Church choir will be long remembered. All will miss her greatly. Hope to see you on March 12. Vic Feldmiller

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**Victor Feldmiller** - February 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Dear Penny and Jim, I was sorry to read of the passing of your mother. I am sure that you were grateful to have had her all those years, but it is still hard to say goodbye. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Nancy Shaw** - February 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Your mother was a special person. She impacted my life in so many ways, the most important was how important 4-H was to me in selecting my college major of nutrition. I will always remember her as my health teacher. One of my favorite couples here in Maryville are Jean and Ted Flickenger (her cousin) and this certainly brought to mind your mother often. Thinking of you both. Lana

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**Lana Arnoff Ernsberger** - February 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ My sympathies to Lil's family. I knew her to be a lovely and intelligent woman, always happy to help someone else. She will be missed.

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**Beverly Grant, OSUWGA** - February 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Dear Penny, My deepest sympathies to you and your family on the loss of your mother. I remember her very fondly. Lori Cunningham Workman

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**Lori Cunningham Workman** - February 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ To The Bernhagen Family- Lil will be missed. I knew her through Monnett Club and Worthington Schools. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Bobbie Thrall

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**Roberta Thrall** - February 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ I was a 1958 graduate of Worthington High School. Ms. Bernhagen was the school nurse. She always offered a balance between compassion and bare reality. A rare but welcome combination.

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**Patricia Furnis** - February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ My sincere condolences. I graduated from Worthington High School in 1956 and from Ohio Wesleyan in 1960. Mrs. Bernhagen was an inspiration. She was beautiful inside and out, intelligent, contributed so much to her profession and was always interested in others. I last saw Mrs. Bernhagen at Ohio Wesleyan when I attended my 50th class reunion in 2010. She will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

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**Sally Taylor Yocum** - February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ My sincere sympathy to Lillian's family. I worked with her through the local women's golf assoc. and always enjoyed her company and her great stories. She was a lovely lady and a tireless worker in all her endeavors.

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**Lynn Johnson** - February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Janet and Penny, I am sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I am certain she will be missed by all of your family. Your mother meant allot to me as I was growing up, having her close by when we lived in Linworth was a Godsend for our family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. God Bless, Jeanne

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**Jeanne Henderson Reed** - February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ I have so many fond memories of our visits to Aunt Lil's. As a child I knew that there was a certain level of formality at Aunt Lil's, but I still always felt welcome. It is hard for me to articulate the poise, dignity, wisdom, kindness, and propriety I associate with her. Aunt Lil tried to teach us how to play bridge, but all I can remember is to "get the kiddies off the street." She remade the bed after my mom and I put the sheets on because we put them on upside down. She welcomed us into her home, even on short notice. Most importantly, she sent us fudge every year for Christmas. (We couldn't have Christmas at Grandma Norma's without it.) We will all miss her and her zest for life and learning. I had hoped to stop to see her during spring break, but I guess I will have to wait until I get to heaven to see her bright smile again. Our prayers are with you all.

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**Rhonda Poling Wills** - February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ We are very sorry about Lil's passing and send our deepest sympathy to her family and many friends. She was a very talented woman and it was delightful to know her.

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**Dr. David Lambert and James Hospital co** - February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ My condolences to Lil's family and many friends. Lil was a true blessing to all and absolutely one of the kindest, dearest, and sweetest ladies I have ever known. It was an honor to sing with her in church choir and to attend the symphony with her on multiple occasions. Hers was a life well-lived with an abundance of style, class and grace. She will be missed.

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**Michael Cook** - February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ The members of the Worthington Women's Club send our sincere condolences to Lillian's family. She was a very active and dear member of our club and will be greatly missed.

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**worthington women's club** - February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM