



Leora Hileman

July 31, 1934 - October 23, 2011

Leora Mae Bass Hileman, 77, died Sunday, October 23, 2011 following complications from surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Lucille McFadden and Alden Bass. She was also predeceased by her dear stepfather, J. Edward Hanna.

She is survived by her husband Robert of 58 years; a son, Tim (Laurie) of Charlotte, NC and daughter, Faith (Joseph) Barnes of Smithfield, VA; grandchildren Kelly and Brooke Hileman and Joseph IV and Robert Barnes. Surviving also is a brother, Joel (Shirley) Bass of College Park, GA and nephew, Craig Bass of GA; brother in law, Melvin (Elizabeth) Hileman of Pawleys Island, SC and niece, Victoria Hileman of NC and nephew, Scott Hileman of TN.

She was born July 31, 1934 in Chicago, IL. She grew up in Cadiz, Ohio. She was active in the marching band, theatre and won the Prince of Peace award for public speaking. Upon graduation from Cadiz High School in 1952, she moved to Washington, DC. She was employed by the FBI, and Washington Loan and Trust Company where she first met her husband, Bob. They married in 1953. Shortly afterward, she went to work for the Federal Home Loan Bank Board in the Office of General Counsel which she left in 1959 to raise their family. She developed many lasting friendships, and served numerous volunteer roles including president of the PTA. In 1985, she and Bob retired to

Pawleys Island, SC where they enjoyed 26 years of retirement together. Being blessed with good health and early retirement enabled Bob and Leora to continue to serve others in volunteer work.

She was a tax volunteer with the AARP Foundation and received the Jan Cooper Award for 21 years of exemplary service. She was a member of the Cadiz-Moravian Trail Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She had many passions including bridge, golf, genealogy, reading and supporting her favorite football teams, the Washington Redskins and The Ohio State Buckeyes.

Leora was a wonderful, loving wife, mother, mother in law, grandmother, sister and friend to many throughout the course of her life. She truly cherished her Cadiz Cardinal friends along with her many Maryland and South Carolina friends and neighbors.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, October 28, 2011 at the Litchfield-Pawleys Island Chapel of Goldfinch Funeral Home. Visitation will begin at 1pm with the service following at 2pm, Reverend Frank Holsclaw officiating, followed by internment in Cadiz Union Cemetery to be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Waccamaw Library, P.O. Box 1152, Pawleys Island, SC 29585 or Tideland Community Hospice Inc., 2591 N. Fraser St., Georgetown, SC 29440.

An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Litchfield-Pawleys Chapel
202 Hinnant Lane
Pawley's Island, SC 29585
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Service

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Tribute Wall

BE

“ *Leora was a dear friend who could always be counted on for a warm smile and a helping hand. She was an important part of my life, and I miss her immensely. She was a real shining star. Bonnie Esber*

Bonnie Esber - October 27, 2011 at 12:44 PM

RF

“ *Bob and family. We will all miss Leora in our own way. As one of her income tax and golf cohorts, I know how much you shared her with the community. She was caring, organized, dedicated and competent. She motivated all of us to do more. It was my pleasure to have known and worked with her for nearly 10 years.*

Ruth Farb - October 27, 2011 at 11:28 AM

DH

“ *Tim,*

Your entire family will be in our prayers as you go through this difficult time. She sounded like an amazing woman. No doubt your passion for golf was inherited and developed through her. Please let me know if we can do anything for you as part of your extended family in Charlotte.

Dan Hooks

Daniel W. Hooks - October 27, 2011 at 11:21 AM

FH

“ Bob, Tim, Faith and family. Shirley and I wish to expres our deepest sympathy for your loss. I will cherish and truly miss the conversations and reminiscing Leora and I shared since 1985 about our many good times here in the Hagley community and back in the D.C. area. May memories light your darkness of grief..

Fred & Shirley Hutcheson

Fred & Shirley Hutcheson - October 26, 2011 at 04:02 PM

CS

“ I know of Leora from my Brother and Sister-in-law Angelo & Carol Bulone. When her name was mentioned there was always joy in their voices.

She was a Matriarch in the community and will be sorely missed. Her Aura will always be there to keep her family & friends warm and comforted.

Remember the Good Times. Carmen Seare Brooklyn N.Y.

carmen seare - October 26, 2011 at 01:22 PM

AR

“ It is with deep sadness I read this beautiful tribute to Leora. I adored her since we were wee little girls together in Cadiz, Ohio. My deepest sympathy to you Bob, Faith, and Tim. Love, Annie

Anna Jeanette Dickerson Root - October 26, 2011 at 12:22 PM

AP

“ Faith,
I was sorry to hear about your Mother. She was always such a joy to be around and she passed that trait straight down the gene pool to you!
Keep that same sweet personality and your Mom will always live through you. Be strong in your faith and rely on the Lord and you will get through this.
Love to you and your Dad.
Anne Plyler (Creamery..years ago)

Anne Plyler - October 26, 2011 at 10:04 AM

MH

“ I am one of Leora's Bridge failures. She took on the job of teaching a few of us the game of Bridge, but alas, I was too much of a challenge, even for her. The only Trump I ever heard of was The Donald..and I never quite grasped the concept of E,S.N.W.
However, I always knew anytime I needed help on running a golf tournament, or a rule, she was the go-to-gal. She will be missed.
We all know Leora is right there, just beyond the Horizon; and the horizon is only as far as our eyes can see. May God wrap His arms around her and keep her safe. Millie and Herb Herrman

Millie Herrman - October 25, 2011 at 05:56 PM

TK

“ Our deepest sympathy to Bob and family.

Tom, Anne, and Maryanne Krug

Tom Krug - October 25, 2011 at 05:17 PM