



# Lillian R. (Joaquin) Helfrich

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## **Lillian R. (Joaquin) Helfrich**

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**L**illian R. Joaquin Helfrich, 90, passed away peacefully on January 18, 2018 with her family by her side.

Lillian, the daughter of the late Manuel and Mary (Piexhote) Joaquin, was born on March 26, 1927 in Lawrence, Massachusetts. She was educated in the Lawrence Public school system and graduated from the Chamberlain School of Retailing in Boston in 1946 when she began her long career in retail and merchandising at R.H. White's in Boston. Lillian married Harold A. Helfrich, Jr. on August 26, 1951 and moved to Chicago where they both started their careers and family.

She worked at Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., State Street, Chicago as an Assistant Buyer. After moving to Streamwood, Illinois, Lillian and Harold were active parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Church. Along with raising three children, she was instrumental in developing the first school library at St. John's, volunteered countless hours in the office and classrooms supporting children in their Catholic education. She partnered with her husband in the local United Way and community associations. Illinois friends describe Lillian as bringing a touch of class and New England charm to the community.

Her family moved to No. Andover in 1972 where she returned to her career. Lillian's talent and love of fashion was seen along Essex Street in Lawrence and on Main Street in Andover at Macartney's where she designed window displays. Lillian shared her instinct for fashion with her customers always putting together the perfect outfit and accessory. She remained an employee until Macartney's closed their doors in 1993.

Lillian was a member of St. Michael's Church in No. Andover. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold A. Helfrich, Jr. She is survived by her children, Hillary (Helfrich) Boffetti and her husband, Dr. Paul Boffetti; Erica (Helfrich) Nelson and her husband, Barry Nelson; and her son, Christopher and his wife Paula Helfrich. She was proud of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Erich and his wife Hailey Helfrich and their daughter, Lillian Kay; Peter Murley



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and Alexis Helfrich and their daughter Eleanor Sage; Katherine Boffetti, Corinne Nelson, Benjamin Helfrich, Stephen Boffetti, Carl Nelson, and Christian James Helfrich.

She is also survived by her sisters, Eunice (Joaquin) McCarthy of McDonough, Georgia and Carol (Joaquin) McGuire of No. Andover, Massachusetts and numerous nieces and nephews whom she dearly loved.

Relatives and friends are invited to call on Lillian on Friday, January 26th from 3:00pm to 8:00pm at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, 35 Merrimack St., No. Andover, MA. Her funeral mass and life will be celebrated on Saturday, January 27th at 10:00am in St. Michael's Church, 196 Main St. No. Andover. Her burial will follow in the Ridgewood Cemetery in No. Andover. For online condolences and other information please visit [www.breenfuneralhome.com](http://www.breenfuneralhome.com)

Memorial Contributions may be made to Lazarus House in her name by calling (978) 269-5215, or email [stewardship@lazarushouse.org](mailto:stewardship@lazarushouse.org)




## Events


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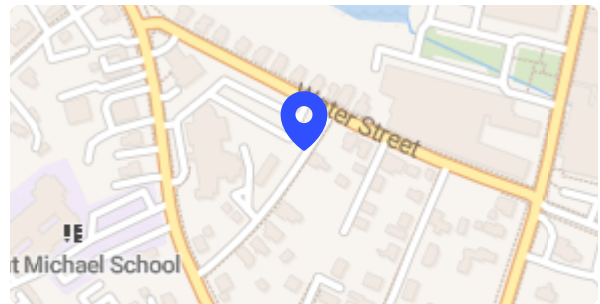
### Visitation

 **Friday**, January 26, 2018

 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


 **John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc. - North Andover**

35 Merrimack St., North Andover MA 01845



### Funeral Mass

 **Saturday**, January 27, 2018

 10:00 AM ET

 **St. Michael Church**

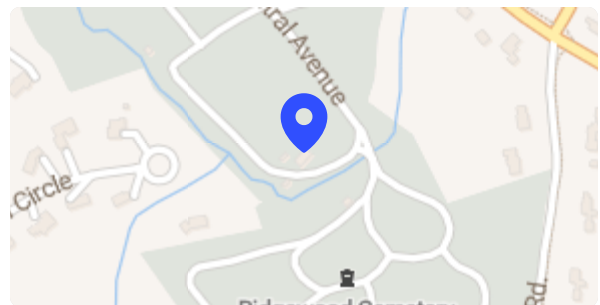
196 Main Street, North Andover MA



### Cemetery Details

 **Ridgewood Cemetery**

177 Salem Street, North Andover MA 01845





# Tribute Wall

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**Brian Durkin** lit a candle in honor of Lillian.



February 6 at 4:47 AM



**Hillary Helfrich Boffetti** February 17 at 5:25 AM

Thanks Brian Mom loved listening to you play and sing!Hillary Helfrich Boffetti



**Ellen Francis** posted:

Deepest condolences in the passing of Mrs. Helfrich. My father John J Zenevitch was the Manager of Macartney's in Andover for 40 years to the day. He is in very failing health and will not be able to attend the services Friday or Saturday. I believe Dad is now the last remaining Andover employee. Everyone else is gone now. Our family extends their deepest sympathies. Sincerely, Ellen Zenevitch Francis.

January 25 at 4:19 PM



**Hillary Helfrich Boffetti** February 17 at 5:22 AM

Thank you Ellen my mom loved working at Macartney's ! Your dad was a good friend. Thank you for your thoughts Hillary Boffetti



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Helfrich family.



January 25 at 5:45 AM



**The Mccarthy Family** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Helfrich family.



January 24 at 6:13 PM



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**Bidmc Volunteer Dept. Stephanie, Joyce And Terry** sent an Arrive in Style to the Helfrich family.

January 24 at 11:08 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Helfrich family.

January 23 at 9:56 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Helfrich family.

January 23 at 6:41 AM



**Eli Durkin** posted:

Many great memories revolve around "Chubby & Lil" Helfrich. A wonderful family and a faith-filled life. Our condolences for your loss. Durkin Family

January 23 at 6:41 AM



**Hillary Helfrich Boffetti** February 17 at 5:23 AM

Thank you for your thoughts Mom had many wonderful times at Salisbury Beach with Irene and BillHillary Helfrich Boffetti



**Anonymous** sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Helfrich family.

January 22 at 6:30 PM





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January 22 at 11:41 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Lillian by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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