



Lorna J. Cramer

March 10, 1929 - January 24, 2016

Lorna J. Cramer, age 86, recently of Madison and formerly of Mentor, died Sunday January 24, 2016 at Cardinal Woods, Madison, OH. She was born March 10, 1929.

Ms. Cramer worked at TRW for 30 years, where she started as a laborer and worked her way up to inspector. After retirement she enjoyed being a custodian at Hershey Montessorri School, where she was a favorite among many students and parents.

Modest to a fault, Lorna rarely spoke about herself, choosing instead to focus on the issues that mattered most to her. She was a trailblazer. A longtime member of East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church in Kirtland, she was a stalwart of social justice causes, advocating for the disenfranchised. She was very active in the LGBT movement in the Cleveland area, and was among the organizers of the first Gay and Lesbian Pride celebration in Cleveland almost 30 years ago.

Lorna's tireless work and commitment to creating inclusive community earned her places in the hearts of people of different races, ages, genders and affectional orientations. She will be missed by many.

Lorna was a caretaker for the institutions she served, and a caregiver to the

people she loved. As such, she found it difficult in her last years to receive care from others, but she always loved visits, especially from friends and family bearing chocolate.

Survivors include her son Terry L. (Terri) Cramer; granddaughter Lorie (Patrick) McCandless; 2 grandchildren Ryan & Fiona McCandless.

Preceding Lorna in death were her father Neil Cramer; mother Mary Ruth (Hamm) Smiley; sister Annette Vick, and twin granddaughters Emily & Madeline.

A memorial service will be held at East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 10848 Chillicothe Rd, Kirtland, OH 44094 on Wednesday, February 3. The memorial service will begin at 6:00 PM and will be followed at about 7:00 PM by refreshments and a chance to share memories memorabilia.

Flowers are welcome, or contributions may be made in her honor to East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 10848 Chillicothe Rd, Kirtland, OH 44094 or Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Ave. Cleveland, OH. 44110.

Arrangements Entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, OH. Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 3. 6:00 PM (ET)

East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church
10848 Chillicothe Rd.
Kirtland, OH 44094

Tribute Wall

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“ *Helene Haapala lit a candle in memory of Lorna J. Cramer*



Helene Haapala - February 01, 2016 at 12:17 PM

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“ *I met Lorna back in the 1980's at Convo (UU glbt conference which was held annually back then). She was such an enthusiastic, bright light - always involved, always willing to get projects done, and always encouraging others to be involved and active. I last saw her about 12 years ago at Convo (where else?) in Kansas City. She and I shared a hotel room and had a chance to spend time more together and catch up. She was still the same Lorna - involved and enthusiastic, and encouraging those around her to get more involved. She loved her UU connections! In the years since that Kansas City Convo, Lorna I and kept in touch through letters, cards, and occasional phone calls. The phone calls became harder for her after her stroke, but I kept sending cards and short letters. The world is sadder place without Lorna, but those of us who knew her will keep her memory alive in trying to live up to the example she set for us of being involved and engaged. May her memory always be a blessing.*

Helene Haapala - February 01, 2016 at 12:16 PM