



B. Joan "Bag Lady" Hamilton

March 14, 1931 - April 2, 2014

B. Joan "Bag Lady" Hamilton, 83, who spent most of her natural life in the Carrollton area passed away on April 2, 2014 in the home of her daughter after a long battle with COPD. Joan was the daughter of the late Perry J. and Norma M. Vasbinder. She spent many years as a Girl Scout leader, member of the Carroll County Historical Society, the Carroll County Genealogical Society, and the Carrollton Chapter of the Red Hat Society. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Carrollton and attended the Unionport Christian Church. Her hobbies included scrapbooking, sewing, gardening, natural living, and cheering for the grandchildren at ball games. She was very instrumental in saving the McCook House. In 1994 she became a licensed minister within the state of Ohio. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by brother, Norman Carol Vasbinder; a sister, Carolyn Sue Brown; a granddaughter, Christa Nicole "Nikki" Hafner; and four infant great grandchildren. She is survived by two sisters, Louise (Ralph) Yeager of Harlem Springs and Molly Kaye (Bill) Laverty of Marshfield, MO; five children, Doris Ellyn (Basil) Thompson of Nederland, CO, Paula Liane (Norbert) Pugh of Surprise, AZ, Lisa Annette Barber of Carrollton, Samuel Alan (Linda) Hamilton of Carrollton, and Katherine "Katie" (John) Grafton of Bloomingdale with whom she resided. She is also survived by eleven grandchildren, Tara (Steve) Shockites, Cory Basil (Thompson), Jason Pugh, Matthew (Sarah) Pugh, Jessica Lee (Scott), Jeff Hafner, Katie (Brian) Dingler, Sarah (Eric) McCort, Mary (Amos) King, Samuel (Laken) Hamilton, Amanda (Jeff) Wood,

Clinton Grafton; and also seventeen great grandchildren. Funeral services will be Monday, April 7, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in Sweeney-Dodds Funeral Home of Carrollton with Rev. Hubert Granger and Rev. Jeremiah Kuttler officiating. Burial will follow in Grandview Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Tribute Wall

ED

“ I was a friend of Joan's for over 25 years. My favorite memory of our times together was when we went to a nursery near Toledo where we created fairy gardens, then enjoyed a fairy luncheon. It was a wonderful day. Joan was a special friend to me for over 25 yrs. One of my favorite memories of my times with her was when we went to a nursery near Toledo and created fairy gardens then listened to fairy lore and enjoyed a fairy luncheon. We both loved gardening and fairies among other things we had in common. I will miss her very much as I know you all do. My prayers are with you all. We both loved gardening and fairies. I loved to see her creations made out of things other people would have thrown away.

Edee - January 29, 2015 at 01:07 PM

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“ My sympathies are with the Hamilton family. It is not easy to lose someone we love in death. Psalms 46:1 says "God is our refuge and strength. A help readily found in time of distress."

BL - January 29, 2015 at 01:07 PM

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“ Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm so happy that she got to go home, even for just a short time before she passed. That's all she told me many nights at the hospital. Rest assured that she is in a much better place now with no more suffering. Sorry that I won't be able to make it to calling hours or the funeral since I work. Please don't hesitate to call if you need anything. Love you guys!!!! God Bless you!!! Pat

Pat Grimes - January 29, 2015 at 01:07 PM

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“ *Katie and family so sorry for your loss we will be thinking of all of you this weekend .?? Ida and Don*

Ida Ware - January 29, 2015 at 01:07 PM

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“ *Our heartfelt sympathy to all of you on the loss of your mom/grandma. Please know that we have been praying for you and for her through her illness, and will continue to pray for you all through this time of deep sadness & grief. Our love & prayers, Dale & Ellen*

Dale & Ellen Swickard - January 29, 2015 at 01:07 PM