



Lucile R. Watkins

January 23, 1915 - March 10, 2018

Lucile Ross Watkins

Died peacefully and perhaps gratefully March 10, 2018, age 103.

Born Hazel Lucile Russell in Washington, PA, she lived there and in Pittsburgh, Pleasant Hills, Port Allegany, Wellsboro, and Gibsonia, PA. Her two brothers, Neal and Wayne, both lived into their 90s. The only one of her or her first husband's family to finish college, she "squeaked through" Oberlin during the Depression, fulfilling her mother Irene's greatest dream. Widowed at 27, Lucile was a longtime social worker until remarrying at 53. She was a loving mother and grandmother, and a kind, generous, respected friend to all who knew her. In her youth she played violin and piano, and always loved music, birds, nature photography, and bridge, which she played "with gusto and astuteness" to age 99. Homebound in her late 90s, she kept busy doing crossword puzzles and writing letters to Editors and the President, full of useful advice.

Predeceased by husbands Earl Ross and Forrest Watkins. Survived by daughter, Kathy Ross Boykowycz (Walter); and Forrest's children, Nancy Watkins Dunham (John) and Edward K. Watkins (Chris); 5 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

No visitation, interment private.

Memorial contributions, if desired, to Audubon Society, Heifer International, or Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

Lucile's family is especially grateful to dedicated caregivers at Home Instead and Asbury Heights.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lucile R. Watkins*

October 09, 2023 at 09:55 AM



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October 06, 2023 at 11:36 AM