

Louise D. Sutphin
November 16, 1932 – January 18, 2022

Obituary

Louise D. Sutphin (nee Dolence), age 89, a longtime resident of Hudson, passed away Tuesday, January 18, 2022.



Born Mable Louise Dolence, she was the youngest of 10 growing up at the end of the Depression on a farm in Salem, Ohio. After high school, she traveled around the country living and working where her older siblings had settled. In 1956, she spent a year living in Morocco with her sister Helen whose husband was in the Navy. At the time, she was an aspiring photographer as noted by the pictures she framed from a trip that same year to Europe with her sister, Margie. After moving home, she worked in a photography studio in Cleveland which is where she met her husband, James Hoynes Sutphin, who was an avid photographer too.

Jimmy & Louise, as they were known, married on September 13, 1958 at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Cleveland. They started their family of four in Brecksville, Ohio. Louise was a stay at home Mom but was active in her community and church participating in a group called The Mission Group which for the better part of 50 years found ways to give back to those less fortunate in their community.

Sweet Louise (as Jimmy called her) wanted her children to experience the same feeling of wide-open spaces of living on a farm and in 1976 moved to a house on 10 acres nestled in the woods of Akron, Ohio. There Jimmy & Louise enjoyed 15 years of happy times! It was a magical spot and remembered fondly by the entire family.

Jimmy & Louise's shared passion was travel! Over the course of their 57-year marriage, they visited places all around the world. A lot of travel was for Jim's work taking them to conferences around the states. They visited friends in England and France. Went to four Olympics together. And as their children grew, they followed them to places they lived including Austria and Thailand.

At 60 years old, Jimmy & Louise weren't ready to settle down and moved to Ridgewood, New Jersey in 1991 for Jim to take a job as the Executive Director of a trade organization for printing ink manufactures, NAPIM. It was an exciting way to begin their golden years together experiencing new places, meeting new friends and visiting New York City which was close by for Broadway plays.

As retirement age approached and grandkids arrived, they moved back to Ohio in 1997, settling in Hudson, Ohio, one of Louise's favorite small towns in Northeast Ohio. There they found community. And with Jimmy's active role in Hudson Rotary, The Sutphins were a visible pair from Santa on the Green to other community functions. In 2013, they joined the community at Laurel Lake. It was the perfect place to live out their life together. And a life well lived filled with gratitude and love!

Louise was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jimmy and her siblings, Clifford, Helen, Bill, Ann, Val, Rudy and Frank. She is survived by her daughters, Mary Louise Sutphin, Ann (Mike) Nock and Susan Sutphin; son, James H. (Susie) Sutphin Jr.; grandchildren, Allyson Sutphin, Ryan (Jessica) Sutphin, Nicholas Sutphin, Michael Nock and Madeline Nock; sisters Dorothy and Marjorie Dolence; and many nieces and nephews.

Private family services will be held. The family suggests memorial contributions be made in Louise's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org). Arrangements by Johnson-Romito Funeral Home, Hudson, OH.