



Bercie Frohman

September 4, 1925 - January 13, 2018

FROHMAN, Bercie died on January 13, 2018, at the age of 92 after a long life filled with deeds of loving kindness.

She was born Bertha Jeanne Levy in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on September 4, 1925, the child of Grace (Carlsruh) Levy and Henry Malvin Levy. At an early age she changed her first name to Bercie, which she thought fell better on the ear. Bercie's parents divorced during her childhood. Several years later she moved with her mother to Cincinnati when Grace married Bill Mack. The evening before the attack on Pearl Harbor, Bercie met Jack Frohman at a party arranged by her girlfriends to welcome her to Cincinnati. On August 28, 1944, at age 18, Bercie married Jack and they lived together in Cincinnati until Jack died just weeks before their 65th anniversary.

Bercie was predeceased by her brother Hank Carlsruh and her step-brothers Leon Mack and William J Mack, Jr.

She is survived by her step-brother Millard Mack (Helene); four children – Jan Atallo (Bob) of Traverse City, Michigan, Dave Frohman (Pam) of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Bob Frohman of Cincinnati, Ohio and Tom Frohman (Cynthia Moriarty) of Bloomington, Indiana – plus eight grandchildren (Nya, Ali, Mimi, Ben, Claire, Daniel, Nathan and Sam) and twin great-granddaughters (Leia and Eden).

Bercie enjoyed her summers at the family cottage in Omena, Michigan, where she vacationed almost every year for over 70 years, including this past summer. Bercie was of a generation of women who could have run major

corporations but instead devoted their lives to the equally challenging task of raising their children and volunteering at various organizations. Bercie was an excellent cook who refused to bake from the mixes which were popular in her day, insisting instead to prepare cakes and cookies from scratch. She was also a talented seamstress who made many of her own fancy dresses. During her 70 years in Cincinnati, Bercie developed many long-lasting friendships, was an adept bridge player and was very active in the Jewish community at Rockdale Temple, where, among other things, she was president of the sisterhood for one year and contributed to the success of a cookbook which raised significant funds for the congregation. Bercie brought her warmth to Bloomington, Indiana five years ago and made many friends at Bell Trace and then at Meadowood.

Bercie was a “doer” and liked nothing more than a job done well and efficiently. She was polite to a fault and was full of appreciation for those around her. She taught many lessons to her children and grandchildren that will live on for generations.

Bercie’s family would like to thank the wonderfully thoughtful and caring staff at Bell Trace, Meadowood and Hospice House. Please consider a donation in Bercie’s memory to the Bloomington Hospital Foundation (Hospice House) or Crayons to Computers in Cincinnati, Ohio, (crayons2computers.org)

In keeping with her desire to always be useful, Bercie has donated her body to the Indiana University School of Medicine for research purposes. The students will have no trouble finding her big heart.

A Memorial service will be held Sunday, February 18 at 1:00PM at Rockdale Temple, 8501 Ridge Road, Amberley Village, OH 45236.

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“ Dear Bob and family,

I am so sorry for your loss. May your mom's name forever be remembered as a blessing.

Connie

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