



Ila Mae Rap

April 18, 1933 - April 16, 2020

Ila Mae (Saunders) Rap, 86, went to be with her Lord and Savior on April 16, 2020 in Portland, OR. Ila was born on April 18, 1933, in Lincoln, NE and graduated from Lincoln High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society.

Following high school, Ila attended Bethany-Peniel College in Bethany, Oklahoma (now called Southern Nazarene University) for a short time before returning to Lincoln to marry her husband, Oren, on April 20, 1951. During their more than 68 years of marriage, they lived in Nebraska, Texas, Montana, Idaho, and in 1979 settled in Oregon.

Ila excelled at secretarial skills and was a gifted administrator. When Oren and Ila launched Pacific Microfilm Service in 1980, Ila took on the role of bookkeeper and office manager. Ila spent her career working in different government agencies before retiring in 1994 with thirty years of service. Ila had a heart for helping others and during her time with the federal government, she willingly stepped in as Federal Women's Program Coordinator.

Throughout her life, Ila was a dedicated member of the Church of the Nazarene. She used her gifts and abilities in many ways including leading music, singing in the choir, teaching children, and serving on a variety of

committees. Ila filled her retirement years helping out at Portland First Church of the Nazarene wherever needed, traveling around the country and to Europe, working for a medical recruitment company, and spending time with her husband, children and grandchildren.

Ila enjoyed knitting and crocheting, supplying her family with everything from slippers and afghans to scarves, mittens and hats. She loved people and was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Ila wanted everyone around her to know "God is good".

Ila is preceded in death by her father, Harrison "Harry" Saunders, her mother Elizabeth (Sinner) Saunders, her brother, H. Benjamin "Ben" Saunders, her sister Harriet Ann Cowell, grandparents, brothers and sisters-in-law, uncles and aunts.

Ila is survived by her husband of over 68 years, Oren V. Rap, and children, Michael & Kelley Rap, David & Theresa (Rap) Lee, Rev. Mark & Kathryn (Rap) Pounds, and Timothy & Amy Rap. Grandchildren Emily Rap, Evan Rap, Derek & Lisa Lee, and Meghan Pounds as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Interment will be held at Willamette National Cemetery on May 1, 2020. A celebration of life in honor of Ila will be held at a later date.

Memorials are being accepted in Ila Rap's name and can be sent to the following:

Back to the Bible

PO Box 82808

Lincoln, NE 68501-2808

1-800-759-2425

www.backtothebible.org

Send check or money order with “In memory of Ila Rap”
or give on their website and indicate “In memory of Ila Rap” in the comments
section.

Native American Christian Academy

PO Box 4013

Sun Valley, AZ 86029-4013

(928) 524-6211

Send check or money order with “In memory of Ila Rap”

Cemetery Details

Willamette National Cemetery

11800 SE Mt. Scott Blvd.
Portland, OR 97086

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ Memories of my “favorite” Aunt Ila are many and always include family and food! Cookouts, Picnics, Parties, Buffets, and Gatherings of all kinds! The cousins in our families were all close in age so we enjoyed lots of sleep-overs and fun times! We always attended church together when traveling. God Bless you family as you adjust to your loss - we love and miss you all. To you Aunt Ila - sister Harriet is new to heaven so you two will have a great time as well as all your friends and family gone before you. Love & Prayers, Ruth
XOXOX

Ruth Gunther - May 01, 2020 at 06:34 PM

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*My memories of Aunt Ila are of her soft voice and hugs. I have certainly missed those warm hugs over the years but always was so thankful to get one or two when we did finally get to be with Aunt Ila. She also was incredibly attentive and interested in what us kids thought and what we had been doing. Our son got to meet Aunt Ila when he was about 4 and fell immediately in love! While they were talking, I remembered how she used to make me feel like I was the most important person in the world to her at that moment. For a child, that spoke volumes and sure made this niece feel loved and valued!
I loved her dearly and am so thankful for how she emulated Jesus to me. What a blessing!!
My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you are finding your way along this current road. ❤️*

Londa Rap Paul - May 03, 2020 at 06:00 PM