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Prisilla Ries Waltz passed away peacefully in her sleep March 20 at her home after a valiant fight with cancer. Priscilla, born June 6, 1929 in Houghton, NY, was the daughter of Claude A. Ries and Ruth Warbois Ries. She grew up near the campus of Houghton Wesleyan College where her father was a professor of theology, thus leading to a lifelong relationship with the college. She also attended the college and did not miss a homecoming until health prevented her traveling to the campus just in the last decade of her life. She served on the Alumni Board and represented that board on the college board of trustees. She also volunteered on campus for twelve summers in lifelong learning programs. Priscilla moved to the Chicago area in 1951 where she worked for the Suburban Cook County Tuberculosis Clinic where she was the director of medical records. She retired in 1986 and moved to Ft. Myers and later to Shell Point Retirement Community where she attended the Village Church. For several years she led the drive for shoeboxes at Christmas for Samaritans' Purse Operation Christmas Child. Volunteers filled nearly 400 shoeboxes for children around the world. It was at Shell Point where she met and married her soulmate at age 74. After living an exciting single life, she met Robert Waltz, fell in love and lived happily for eleven years before her death. During those years, her husband took her to Austria (where he had previously resided) on three occasions, during which she learned to know and love his good friends there. Priscilla's passion was missions and she communicated with missionaries in numerous countries but her greatest love was for Liberia where her brother and family served at ELWA (Eternal Love Winning Africa) for many years. She traveled to Liberia at least four times and worked with the people she came to love. Although she relished traveling to Liberia, she also cruised on over 30 cruises from a freighter to the Queen Elizabeth II and traveled to nearly every continent. She is preceded in death by her parents and brother, Herschel Ries. She is survived by her husband, Robert E. Waltz, one niece, Debbie VanEenwyk (Rob)



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of Bergen, NY, and nephews, David Ries (Jean) of Houghton, NY and Dan Ries (Marlies) of Carlisle, PA, Shawn Spilman (Claire) of Cape Coral and Stanley Spilman (Debbie) of San Jose, CA. A special thanks to the staff of Hope Hospice who so kindly assisted Priscilla, her family and care givers. A memorial service will be held 10:45am Friday, March 27, 2015 at the Village Church of Shell Point. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Claude A. Ries Scholarship Fund at Houghton College, Houghton, NY.



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KK

Karil Jensen Klayko posted:

Dearest Family of Priscilla Ries Waltz, The family of Alice Jean Ries-Jensen, Priscilla's cousin, of 494 Brewer, Akron, OH send their condolences to you all. It is a sad thing to lose your loved one, but it brings hope, peace & joy to know that she is a child of the King & in His glorious presence. Peace be upon you all. Love, Jean, Karil, Kim, Karen & Kay.

April 1 at 5:09 PM

WM

William Mattingly posted:

My condolences to Bob in his grief for his beloved Priscilla. Bob, we served together 56 years ago in Cleveland and later in Chicago. Ruth and I am so sorry to learn of Priscilla's passing. Bill Mattingly, La Habra Heights CA

March 27 at 4:10 PM

CM

Cynthia Machamer posted:

Priscilla was a wonderful woman of God who modeled Christlikeness every day. When I worked at Houghton College I looked forward to seeing her the summers she would come and assist Bruce Brenneman with the conference program. She was a delight to have around. Her smile would light up any room.

March 25 at 10:33 AM

BB

Bruce Brenneman posted:

Priscilla was a dear friend whom I treasured in so many ways. For 11 summers she worked with me on summer conferences at Houghton College. I credit much of the success of that program to her with her organization, congeniality, creativity and love of people. We have enjoyed her visits and the many laughs we shared. We are thankful for the privilege of knowing her and the blessing she was to us. We send our sympathy and love to Rob and her niece and nephews. May God surround you with His peace and comfort.

March 25 at 5:16 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Priscilla by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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