



Lilli Carola Gilmer

September 22, 1942 - January 11, 2017

FAYETTEVILLE Mrs. Lilli Carola Petersen Gilmer passed away peacefully at home on January 11, 2017.

She was born in Roskilde, Denmark on September 22, 1942 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Svend and Petra Petersen.

Lilli met the love of her life in Copenhagen, an American soldier who was stationed in Germany. They married in Tooele, UT two years later, September 27, 1963. The couple moved to NC in 1964 when her husband got stationed to Ft. Bragg.

Lilli was a wonderful mother and wife, who raised two children while her husband, a Special Forces soldier was serving our nation. She was very active in her children's school and attended as many after-school activities as possible. She was very proud of her Danish heritage and passed on the customs and traditions to both children. Once her children were in high school, she decided to work in Belk's Department store in Cross Creek Mall selling gourmet chocolates, a job she enjoyed immensely. Her first grandchild was born and instead of letting him go to daycare, she decided to quit working and be a full time grandmother. Lilli was a wonderful grandmother to both grandchildren and she loved them very much.

Lilli is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, CSGM (Ret) Gary R. Gilmer of Hardin, MT, her two children Lorraine L. Gilmer and husband Frankie A. Higby of Antwerp, NY, Gene K. Gilmer and wife Pamela Tornblom of Fayetteville, NC, two grandchildren, Gary M. Fernandez, Jessica D. Beske and one great granddaughter, Lyndsey D. Jones, all of Fayetteville, NC.

The family would like to thank the wonderful ladies from Cape Fear Valley Hospice, Valerie, Tina, Yette and especially to Jennifer and Jamie. Jennifer, you went above and beyond any expectations, not only a wonderful RN, but an amazingly caring woman, our mother loved you and Jamie a lot. We would not have been able to take care of our mother the way we did without you two beautiful and loving ladies.