



## **Lilo Belton**

August 31, 1949 - March 3, 2025

Lilo Belton (Oma) of Gardendale, AL passed away on March 3, 2025. She was born on August 31, 1949 in Wuerzburg, Germany to Lydia and Benzion Bernanke.

In 1968, she met and fell in love with Michael Belton, who was a soldier in the U.S. army. In 1970, they married and later moved to Birmingham, Al where they began a wonderful life together. She has 2 daughters, Stephanie and Monika, who she loved and adored. Lilo attended college at UAB, where she graduated Suma Cum Laude with a B.A. in elementary education. Lilo was an avid reader of mystery books and enjoyed playing tennis, cooking, shopping, traveling, playing German card games, and spending time with friends and family. She adored her German soccer team, Bayern Munich, and loved to celebrate when they had successful seasons.

Lilo was a brilliant linguist, fluent in three languages. However, her greatest accomplishment in life was the relationships that she had with her family, especially her seven grandchildren. They adored her and enjoyed every minute that she devoted to them. She had a strong love for her church family and was a devout Catholic. She was committed to sharing her love of Jesus Christ with all who knew her, making that one of the cornerstones of her life. Her compassion and love for others was evident in her everyday life as she spent time volunteering with church based charities and activities.

Lilo was preceded in death by her father (Benzion Bernanke) and her mother (Lydia Kreidler). She is survived by her loving husband (Michael Belton), her daughters (Stephanie Turner and Monika Belton), and her grandchildren (Trey Turner, Tyler Turner, Tori Turner, Tate Turner, Elijah Tatum, Levi Tatum, and Lexi Tatum) Services will be held on March 7, 2025 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Gardendale, Alabama. Visitation for family 10am-11am, public visitation 11am - 12pm, service with mass 12pm-1pm, reception 1pm-3pm.