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Charlotte Lash, age 92, passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 31, 2020 in Tampa, Florida where she lived for many years. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio to Philip and Hermione Berkowitz on February 6, 1928. She was the youngest of four children, Julia Jean Bandzuch, Jerome Berk, and Lillian Beal, all of whom predeceased her. She was married to Richard Lash, her childhood sweetheart, who also pre-deceased her in 2003.

Charlotte is survived by her three sons, David, Dennis, and Brian, her loving daughters-inlaw

Kim Lash and Janice Lash; her nephews and nieces, Robert Berk, Eileen Beal, Larry Berk, Peter Berk, Nancy Pilchin and David Beal. She had three grandchildren, Sarah, Lisa, and Ian (whom she raised as a son) and three great grandchildren, Evelyn, London, and Levi.

Charlotte was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. She met her husband Richard (Dickie)

Lash at Glenville High School. She attended college briefly at Ohio State University before

eloping and settling down to raise her family. Charlotte and Richard lived with her parents

on Durant Avenue before moving to Bendemeer in Cleveland Heights where they raised

their three sons.



Charlotte was very active in her boys' lives as a Cub Scout den mother and little league baseball mom. She made sure that all her sons played musical instruments, went to Hebrew school, had opportunities to play sports, and worked to earn their own money. She drove them everywhere they needed to go in her red Rambler station wagon. When her youngest son Brian reached his teen years, Charlotte entered the workforce with Richard at Advance Process Supply Company. Charlotte enjoyed going on vacations with extended family and friends. Her two favorite past times were gardening and playing mah-jongg. Charlotte traveled extensively, often with her sister Jean and the husbands. She visited Mallorca, France, Italy, Scandinavia, Czechoslovakia, and Australia. When her husband Richard was offered employment in England, they moved there for two years and lived in a wonderful home in Surrey. While there, her sons visited. She accompanied Richard on business trips to Berlin, Dublin, Amsterdam and Rome among other cities. A grand trip to Israel was planned but then canceled when she hurried back to Cleveland to attend to her grandson, Ian, who had a serious medical condition. From that point forward, Charlotte took over raising him, with the help of Richard and Ian's father, Brian. There were times when she joked that her other three boys were practice and that God had saved the best for last. Charlotte lived the snowbird life traveling between Tampa, Florida and Beachwood,



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until she and Richard eventually moved permanently to Tampa. When Richard died, she

and her sister bought side-by-side condominiums, where she continued to enjoy family,

friends, gardening and mah-jongg. The most important thing to Charlotte was her family.

She would sometimes host two separate Thanksgiving dinners to accommodate her extended family in her small condominium.

Charlotte always had a special place in her heart for her daughter-in-law Kim and her niece

Eileen who were both there for her in the good times and also during the last two difficult

years when she started to have inevitable health issues. Toward the end she often remarked how glad she was that David, Dennis, and Ian were happily married, and that

Brian had a hurricane-proof house. To say that Charlotte was selfless would be a huge

understatement. She will be dearly missed and lovingly remembered



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