



## Mildred Dittrich

January 22, 1928 - January 27, 2021

Mildred Dittrich, 93, of Mooresville, NC, passed away on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center.

She was born on January 22, 1928 in Bronx, NY to Charles and Mary Rappaport Blaustein.

Mrs. Dittrich enjoyed the music of Frank Sinatra and Barbara Streisand and could always be found humming or singing a song from her heart. Mrs. Dittrich found solace and splendor in the theatre, with a lifelong love of Broadway musicals and the Golden Age of Hollywood. She loved nature and animals, especially birds and cats. She married the love of her life, John, on July 18, 1951 and was a devoted wife. Together they were an inseparable pair. They traveled the world and took their family on many intrepid trips across the country. Mrs. Dittrich was a people person and never met a stranger. She was very spiritual. She was also interested in nutrition and lived a very healthy lifestyle. Mildred lived a life full of goodwill. She was a strong woman and persevered through the losses in her life with grace. She rejoins her beloved husband for their next great adventure.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John Anthony Dittrich; and sisters, Caroline, Charlotte, and Lillian.

She is survived by her children, Charles Dittrich and wife, Barbara, Marilyn Kirsch and husband, Leonard; grandchildren, Andy and Larisa Dittrich, Jenny Van Beck and husband, Peter and their children, Jacob and Lila, Michael Kirsch, and Jason Kirsch; and niece, Sonia Sloane.

No public services are planned at this time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to FeedNC, PO Box 5173, Mooresville, NC 28117 [https://secure.lglforms.com/form\\_engine/s/6bvUjeS73ssMTK7Izb5-Tg](https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/6bvUjeS73ssMTK7Izb5-Tg) or Lake Norman Humane, PO Box 3937, Mooresville, NC 28117 [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=IkobaOxKAu9XQGftP0W08KWqtRNBjThHfi5Xxu4d4caS5Vxy206SztQ0EbzIGu0RGUji7i0Au\\_ZCfL4z&Z3JncnB0=](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=IkobaOxKAu9XQGftP0W08KWqtRNBjThHfi5Xxu4d4caS5Vxy206SztQ0EbzIGu0RGUji7i0Au_ZCfL4z&Z3JncnB0=)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the family of Mrs. Dittrich. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mildred Dittrich*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Mildred Dittrich*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Mildred Dittrich*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM

BD

“ A Tribute to my Mother-in-Law ...

*I welcomed you into my home as I promised  
Charlie I would*

*I helped you as much as a Daughter-in-Law  
could*

*And you in turn were very grateful that I knew*

*You made me feel appreciated This is true*

*Our Girls days out will always be treasured*

*A facial, manicure, lunch date that was pleased*

*You brought so many things to the table*

*A story to tell, laughter, advice when able*

*Like a chameleon, a colorful lady blending in to feel secure  
in any situation you had to endure*

*You had more on your bucket list than a woman half you age*

*I might add you checked off most before exiting life's stage*

*You could be charming, witty and oh so much fun*

*Under the Tuscan sun was on after your days run*

*Marilyn and Charlie called at the day's end*

*Lenny and I along with our folks created a family blend*

*We all gathered together for holidays as families do*

*Everyone walked away with a nice memory or two*

*A bond with your grandchildren made you complete*

*The smile it brought to your face was very sweet*

*You encouraged Andy about his film career one day*

*And comforted Larisa when Bumpkin passed away*

*Marilyn was a loving daughter and knew what was best*

*She kept you busy and maintained your zest*

*You and Charlie had a bond like no other*

*He was an amazing son that took great care of his beloved mother*

*Of course I must mention John the love of your life*

*There were many adventures and trips as his wife*

*You and John gave Charlie and Marilyn the gift of life and lots of  
love*

*Now dear Millie you are free to soar like a dove*

*As our family tree continues to grow*

*One last thing you wanted us to know*



*If someone says I love you, you must say it back, you did say  
That's a legacy to remember each and every day  
and I would say I love you dear Millie  
I believe you're at peace with John, and sisters Carrie, Charlotte  
and Lily*

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**Barbara Dittrich** - February 08, 2021 at 01:09 PM

LD

“ Dear GramMillie,  
Words can't describe how much I miss you.  
I remember the long car trips we took. Your  
laughter was contagious while playing the  
doctor game. You kept us busy looking for  
bears in the woods. We had healthy snacks after remembering to  
“wash our hands”.  
We shared a curiosity and appreciation for nature and animals.  
Sometimes it looked like you were seeing something for the first  
time in amazement, just like me.  
We shared a sensitivity and compassion for our challenged pets like  
Skecher, our blind dog, Flicka, our deaf dog, Bronson our dog with  
three legs, Lana, our dog with diabetes and my blind cat Bumpkin  
who we both loved and cherished. I know all are now in your care in  
heaven.  
We shared special times getting pampered with facials, mani/pedis  
and let's not forget about our custard treat at Mc Donalds' to end  
our day.  
I will always feel that sense of love and comfort because I know  
100% you are always watching over me forever.  
Love your granddaughter, Larisa



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**Larisa Dittrich** - February 07, 2021 at 12:47 PM

AD

“ Grandma Millie, it's strange to see you here. You were such a ubiquitous presence in my life that your loss still almost doesn't seem real. It's hard to think of many events where you and Poppie John weren't there, from all the family gatherings to even school events of mine and Larisa's that you would come to. And of course, the weekends in which you would come over to visit us, such a defining part of my childhood. I'll never forget how passionate you were about my dreams of working in film and how encouraging you were in every conversation. Likewise, I love hearing your passion for the Golden Age of Hollywood and the way you would talk about your favorite classic stars and films. Even towards the end when your memory would struggle and you sometimes could forget my name, you would turn to me with a big, warm smile and say "So when are you going to Hollywood?" You would ask me to one day put you in one of my movies and while I am sad I can longer do that, the inverse happened: you instilled your passion in me. I am incredibly grateful for all the time we had and that you can now be at peace, reunited with Poppie John.

Love you forever,  
Your grandson Andy.

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**Andy Dittrich** - February 06, 2021 at 01:00 PM

MK

“ Sweet Grandma Millie,

*I have so much to thank you for.*

*Thank you for loving my Poppy John.*

*You saw his kindness, and gentle nature, and loved him dearly for it.*

*You were true soulmates, and through your love, created miracles.*

*Your love gave the miracle of life to my beautiful Mother Marilyn,  
and my dear Uncle Charlie. What a gift to the world!*

*Your children were born with hearts of gold, a reflection of the purity  
of the love you and Poppy shared.*

*Through Marilyn, along with her soulmate and my father Lenny,  
came my life.*

*Grandma, I am here because of you!*

*There is truly nothing to be more grateful for than that.*

*I am so fortunate to have inherited all of your best qualities.*

*I inherited your spirituality and intuition.*

*You had a deep knowing, that there was more to life than meets the  
eye, and an endless curiosity and fascination about all things  
otherworldly.*

*I too, share this inner knowing, fascination, and endless curiosity.*

*I inherited your childlike nature.*

*Like you, I see the magic in all things.*

*Like you, I don't allow the world to stop me from being a dreamer.*

*I never have, and never will give up my dreams.*

*I too, believe anything is possible.*

*I inherited your warmth.*

*I can feel it now. I feel it always.*

*I will never let my heart grow cold.*

*I received this blessing from you.*

*I inherited your love for music.  
You had an ear for greatness, and a genuine love for the finest  
artists and songs of your generation.  
You lived through the Golden age of music. What a blessing!  
Your deep love for music, along with Poppy John's gift of musical  
genius has provided me with true purpose in my life.*

*Grandma Mille, I love you.  
You live on through me.  
I will carry you forward with me.  
I will teach my children, and my grandchildren the lessons you  
taught me.  
And I will always remain connected to you.  
Always.*

*Grandma, you are free!  
Free as a bird!*

*Your Grandson,  
Michael*

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**Michael Ian Kirsch** - February 03, 2021 at 09:45 AM

JV

“ I miss you Grandma Millie! I'm so grateful that I got to visit with you in 2018 & 2019 and you got to meet my son Jacob, and recently meet my daughter, Lila over FaceTime. I'm glad you were able to meet Pete and be at my wedding and get to see how my life turned out as an adult. I know you felt really excited to have great grandchildren and loved Pete. I will miss your sweetness and unique sense of humor and delight in family and the world around you. I have fond memories during childhood of staying up late to watch Nick at night with you and enjoy the Little Debbie's you always brought over. I'm happy you and Poppy were a present and important part of my childhood and filled it with many happy memories. I will love and miss you always and hope you are happy and looking down with Poppy in Heaven.

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**Jennifer Kirsch VanBeck** - February 02, 2021 at 07:35 PM

AK

“ Allen K. purchased the Mrs. Fields Nibblers® Sympathy Basket for the family of Mildred Dittrich.



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**Allen K.** - February 02, 2021 at 03:13 PM

MK

“ A Mother's Love is forever  
Mom, I carry you with me  
I carry your voice  
I carry your songs  
I carry your love of nature and beauty, and all things quaint  
I carry your compassion for animals, great and small  
I carry your touch, your hand in mine  
I carry the love you felt for your mother

When I go walking I will hear your voice and wear my hat, my scarf,  
and my gloves to keep warm  
And never walk alone  
And be careful when I cross the street  
And eat my carrots because they are good for my eyes.

I carry you with me  
A Mother's Love is forever

Your loving daughter, Marilyn

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**Marilyn Kirsch/daughter** - January 31, 2021 at 11:42 AM

TL

“ I miss you every day Mommala. Millie was my shadow at Atria where she lived. I think it's because I understood her go, go girl spirit! I would always get her out whenever I could as I wanted to go as much as she did. She would always tell me I should be a movie star in California and I always said "I'll go if you drive." Then she would giggle and tell me about Hollywood and all the places she'd been. Her greeting to me every morning was the best! She'd say, "Oh, thank God you're here!" And I would say it right back to her. Miss Millie was not just cared about at Atria- she was loved! ❤️ I miss you, Mommala! You don't have to rest in peace- you can run, jump, dance! Go!!👏

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**Theresa Loth** - January 30, 2021 at 06:24 PM

CD

“ I'll walk the earth without you for awhile Mom, but know this, you are in my heart and my soul, Thank you for the life you gave me. I'm in good hands with Barbara and the kids. I was blessed to share the spiritual experience with you as you went on your journey to the heavens to reunite with Dad. Love and Peace, Forever in my heart.



Charles Dittrich - January 30, 2021 at 02:35 PM

SM

Charlie,  
May God be with you and the whole family in this season of sorrow. He is the Comforter and will bring rest to our hurting hearts and His peace to our souls as we turn to Him. God be with you all.

Susan Mendelson - January 30, 2021 at 02:59 PM

CD



Charles Dittrich - January 30, 2021 at 02:59 PM

HS

Oh Millie... You were such a bright light! You're sense of right and wrong as well as your sense of humor will be sorely missed! I loved your determination to always try to do better... Fly high and see you again one day! ❤️

Hayley Sedell - January 30, 2021 at 07:07 PM

TC

The first time I met Millie, over 40 years ago, she delighted in showing me how clever the family's cat, Archie, was, climbing into a cardboard box, laughing when Archie refused to budge. Her laughter and loving spirit was infectious. The times I saw her over the years, she always added, "I love you," when saying goodbye. Who says that to their daughter's sister-in-law? Millie! She will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Her memory will certainly be a blessing. Love to Marilyn and Charlie & their families.

Toby Carrasco - February 01, 2021 at 01:38 PM

CR

*Millie, you and I walked hand in hand in our interest in the spiritual world. We were bonded in that way. I remember when Marilyn, you and I would go to the Book Review to listen to a reading of a medium's new book. You would always ask me if I believed it. Did I think it was true. And I would say yes. So I believe Millie that you will always be around us, your family and all the people you loved, just in a different way. Millie was a warm and caring person, my good friend's mother, who always made me feel comfortable and gave me the best advice on eating healthy.*

*My heart goes out to Marilyn, Lenny and the family at this time of loss.*

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**Carol Rose** - February 01, 2021 at 06:08 PM

AK

*Millie was a great woman who loved all of us. In the many years that I know her she was always kind and a pleasure to see. I w*

*Will remember the thanksgivings Antoniaa and I spent with the*

*The family and her. She was so kind to my girlfriend and my girl*

*Girlfriend and I loved her very much. I will always remember her*

*Dancing with Antonina and me at Jennifer's wedding. I will*

*Always remember meeting her for the first time at her house in*

*Queens after len introduced us to Marilyn's family. Antonina and*

*I will miss her very much and will always remember her as*

*Remarkable and lucky that she was part of our lives.*

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**allen kirsch** - February 02, 2021 at 03:05 PM