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**Don Sly, Funeral Director**

**Betsy (Nee: Buckmelter) Hill**, 66 of Parkman, Ohio passed away May 31, 2016, Tuesday morning at her home in Parkman, Ohio. She was born on May 27, 1950 in Plainfield, NJ, daughter of the late John and Elizabeth (VonMinden) Buckmelter. Betsy met her husband of almost 47 years at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ. They married on December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1972, living their early years together in Cold Spring NY.

Betsy had 25 years' experience in the retail trade business. She was the owner of several cookware stores. She started with Country Goose in Cold Spring, NY and later Chagrin Cook in Chagrin Falls. After she successfully sold the enterprises, at least one remains as a viable enterprise today. In 1986, Betsy and Rich moved to Bainbridge, Ohio where they raised their 2 children Jeff & Jeanne. In 1997, Betsy and Rich moved to Parkman and bought the old Stoll dairy farm, where they started planting grape vines in what is now known as Betsy-west vineyard. It became an official Ohio winery, Laleure Vineyards, and opened the doors in 2002. Betsy's business and retail skills were put to good use in establishing the tasting room and boutique shop in 2003.

Betsy was a faithful member of St. Helens Church, and enjoyed attending mass there with her husband Rich. She was also a volunteer at the Middlefield Library for many years, delivering books to Amish schools. She absolutely loved reading, and typically read a book almost daily. She also loved gardening and raising her flowers on the deck. Betsy was unequivocally loved by her dogs Merlin, Riesel, and Maxi, her faithful entourage who followed her everywhere. She was known for absolute kindness, but what was most important to Betsy was her grandchildren who were the light of her life. Her family and friends will miss her dearly.

Betsy is survived by her beloved husband, Richard Hill; her loving children, Jeffrey F. (Amy) Hill of Broomfield, CO, and Jeanne (Greg) Milton of New City, NY; "Nana" to her five grandchildren, Adyson, Ryan, and Evyn Hill and Avery and Samantha Milton; her brother Jim Buckmelter of Albuquerque, NM; and two sisters, Bonnie Davis of Stockton, NJ and Jean Spies of San Diego, CA; four brothers and sisters-in law, Bob Hill, Brian (Amy) Hill, Barry (Peggy) Hill, and Sue (Steve) McInch.

Calling hours will be 2:00-4:00 PM and 6:00-8:00 PM Friday, June 3, 2016 at Russell-Sly Family Funeral Home, 15670 West High St., Middlefield, OH 44062. A Mass will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, June 4, 2016 at St. Helen Catholic Church, 12060 Kinsman Rd., Newbury, OH 44065. Her burial will be 11:00 AM Monday, June 6, 2016 at Oak Hill Cemetery, 140 North Highland Ave., Nyack, NY 10960. Memories and condolences may be shared at [www.russellslyfh.com](http://www.russellslyfh.com) and with Rich directly at his email [rich@laleurevineyards.com](mailto:rich@laleurevineyards.com)



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