



Mary Margaret d'Ouille

October 30, 1920 - February 22, 2021

Mary M. d'Ouille (nee Fox), age 100, passed away February 22, 2021 in Matthews, NC. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip, IL. Preceded in death by her parents, Mike and Nora (Hart) Fox, her 1st husband and father of her children, John H. Beckwith (1955), her 2nd husband and father of her step sons and daughters, Edmond L. d'Ouille (1995) and her brother and sister in law Tom and Patricia (Winters) Fox. Survived by son John (Shirley) Beckwith of St. Joseph, IL, daughter Kathy (Randy) Weiss of Matthews, NC, grandson Mike Beckwith (Alyssa Frost), stepsons and daughters Pete d'Ouille (Denice Korcal), Madeleine (Scott) Waxman, Terry (Richard) Gordon, Joe (Lindley) d'Ouille, Ruth Ellen d'Ouille, Ed d'Ouille, Jr. and Mary (Perry) Bonner. Born October 30, 1920 in Chicago, IL where she lived most of her life in or near the South Side. Proud of her 100% Irish ancestry and faithful parishioner first of St. Francis de Paula where she attended grammar school, then St. Walter in Beverly Woods, St. Bernadette in Evergreen Park, Our Lady of Peace in Darien and the last 6 years after moving to NC at St. Matthew Parish of Charlotte. She attended Mercy High School, earned her bachelor's degree Chicago Teachers College, held several interesting jobs after college-Censor for the US Postal Service during WWII, Front Desk Clerk at the Palmer House and Directory Operator with Illinois Bell until she married and became a full-time homemaker and mother. She taught professionally for several years while a young widow as a part-time substitute teacher in the Chicago Public School District. Her primary life's work was as a dedicated, strong, caring and fun loving daughter, granddaughter, sister, niece, cousin, sister-in-law, aunt (and later great and great great aunt), loving and proud wife of John and then Ed, daughter-in-law, and then mother, stepmother, mother-in-law, grandmother and "Grandma Mary" to many, many, many step grand, great grand and great great grandchildren. She loved to have family gatherings on Sundays and Holidays and after Ed retired have family meet at or near their "beach shack" in Miller Beach, IN. She was regularly organizing daytrips or long distance trips with family for special events, vacations or to visit all the family members who lived elsewhere in the US, Ireland and UK. She had a special passion for travel and was proud to have been to every continent and still travelling into her 90's. Her life-long love of family, Lake Michigan beaches and travel

are well documented in her many photo albums.

Her love of life and energy was inspiring. She pursued so many interests and made so many friends to share them with throughout her life: avid reader/book club member, bridge player in several regular groups, daily crossword puzzles and Wheel of Fortune fan, weekly hair appointments, regular exercise classes, and life-long learning classes, lectures and tours. She loved to dance and sing and everything fine arts. Active supporter of all types of theatre, art exhibits and many institutions throughout the Chicago area- Chicago, Evergreen Park and Indian Prairie Public Libraries, Chicago Symphony, Lyric Opera, Renaissance Group at St. Xavier College, Know Your Chicago, The Art Institute (lifetime member and docent), Oriental Institute (docent), Beverly Art Center and Antique Guild, Hinsdale Community Center, Morton Arboretum, Indiana Dunes National Park and Friends of The Indiana Dunes to name a few.

In lieu of flowers if you wish to make a memorial donation perhaps one of her favorites listed above or one listed below would be of interest :Novant Health Hospice, PO Box 33549, Charlotte, NC, 28233Metrolina Association For the Blind- Charlotte, NC, 28204 <http://www.mabnc.org> The Ivey- Charlotte, NC, 28210 <http://www.theivey.com>

Due to Covid restrictions currently in place interment, memorial services and celebrations of life will be at a future time still to be determined.

Comments



“ My Aunt Mary has always been a guiding light to me. She taught me what being a "lady" was all about from etiquette to how to apply make-up and how to dress. My favorite 2 memories of her is how she always saved McCalls Magazines for me because she knew I loved paper dolls and the Magazine had a section with Betsy McCalls paper dolls. They were always waiting for me when I would visit her and my Uncle. My 2nd favorite memory is when I was 8 yrs old and she took me downtown to Chicago's Marshall Field's Dept. store. Any of you from the Chicago area know what a landmark store Marshall Field's was. Anyway, we went downtown on the train, my 1st train trip. We walked into the store and Aunt Mary told me I could choose anything I wanted for my birthday. She was probably pretty safe making that offer. After all, I was only 8. I loved dolls and there we were right in the middle of the doll department! However, I was also a practical girl and thought maybe a new dress might be just the thing. It was a tough decision for an 8 yr old. So off to children's clothing we went and I spotted it - a beautiful torquoise felt jumper. The best part was that it had a little gold chain with a football charm attached and a twirly circular skirt. Well, that did it! At the time I also had a huge crush on the brother of my other favorite Aunt Eileen. He was a football player in college. That was the clincher. I had to have that jumper. Aunt Mary bought me that jumper and made me the happiest girl on the planet. She was a very special person who embodied what being a "LADY" meant to me. She will be missed and will always be in my heart. May you rest in the arms of the Lord now.

Lorraine (Beckwith) Campea - March 11 at 09:27 PM