



Mary T. Allendorf

October 15, 2015

Allendorf, Mary T. Beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother (Nana), aunt and friend. Mary Allendorf passed away on Oct. 15, 2015 at the age of 100. Preceded in death by her brother, Edward; son, Robert and husband of 46 years, Marshall. Survived by son, Richard (Carol); grandson, Robert (fiancee Nicole); granddaughter, Kerine Tatge (Jason) and great-grandchildren, Jaden, Kyra, Graziella, Dante, and many nieces & nephews. Mary, an orphan train rider at the age of 2, came to Minnesota because Louis & Bessie Bezdicek of Jackson, MN "ordered" (as from a catalog) her and a boy Edward from a New York city orphanage. She had a wonderful childhood in Jackson, full of aunts, uncles and cousins. At 13, the family moved to St. Paul and then Minneapolis. She attended South High School and was on her own after graduation. She worked for Honeywell for 18 years and then Moorlane, a novelty store, for many years. In 1975, she and Marshall moved to Arizona where they spent over 30 years. Mary was president of TTT in both Mpls and Phoenix, a den mother for her boys, an avid golfer (made a hole-in-one), volunteered at hospice where she was named "Angel of the Month" twice and was always a part of parish activities wherever she lived. She loved to play bridge and played Scrabble every Sunday with her son and daughter-in-law. Anyone who was around Mary saw her beautiful face and felt beautiful internal qualities of hospitality, kindness and FUN. She was at Jones Harrison Residence in Mpls for the last three years, where she received excellent care and love from the entire staff. She was known for her smile and wave to

everyone she passed in the halls. Mary was an inspiration to all who knew her. Mary's favorite charity was St. Vincent de Paul Society, 2939 - 12th Ave S., Mpls MN 55407 (svdpmpls.org) for anyone who wishes to give in Mary's name in lieu of flowers. Funeral Mass will be held at 11 AM Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 13505 Excelsior Blvd., Minnetonka 55345 with visitation one hour prior to Mass. Interment at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. Washburn-McReavy.com Strobeck Johnson 952-938-9020

Tribute Wall



“ *To the family of Mary Allendorf
We are so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. Our deepest
condolences to the family.*

Orphan Train Riders of New York Organization Officers

Rob Kolosky

Diana Shafer

Kim Piehl

Susan Lehner

Susan Lehner - October 20, 2015 at 01:14 PM

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“ To the family of Mary Allendorf (Richard, Carol & families):

I am so sorry to hear that Mary passed away. I am so glad to have known her. My deepest condolences go out to her entire family. When we lose a loved one here on earth, we gain an angel in heaven that watches over us. May you take comfort in knowing that you have an angel to watch over you now.

Sophia Hillesheim-Kral, orphan train rider

As a descendant of an orphan train rider (Mary and my mother Sophia rode on the same orphan train together as children from New York; they were the same age...only a week apart in birthday) I got to know Mary very well. She was one classy lady! You couldn't help but love her from the moment you met her. She will be sadly missed by all of us, and I am so proud to have known her.

*Prayers and fond memories,
Renee Wendinger*

Renee - October 20, 2015 at 11:20 AM

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“ Richard and Carol and family:

My father and mother (Claude and Ann Sheldon) were lifelong friends of Mary and Marsh. I remember Mary from the time I was 5 years old. Her TTT bridge clubs were a monthly event at our house. She was a wonderful person and will be missed by all her family. May she rest in peace and dwell in the house of the Lord.

tom sheldon - October 19, 2015 at 04:53 PM