



## Mary Lou Pierce Hughes

December 31, 2014

Mary Lou Pierce Hughes, 94, formerly of Evansville, IN and Dubuque, IA, and Minneapolis, MN passed away December 31, 2014 at Reagan Park in Indianapolis.

Mary Lou was born in Minneapolis, MN, January 16, 1920 to Edwin J. Pierce and Blanche Collins Pierce. Mary Lou lived her life with zest, enthusiasm and energy, and to the fullest for nearly a century. She graduated from Washburn High School in Minneapolis. She attended the University of Minnesota and was a member of Alpha Phi Sorority. She married her “Herbie,” Herbert L. Hughes in 1940. They had 49 beautiful years together until the love of her life died in 1989. In Minneapolis, Mary Lou did volunteer work with Minneapolis Junior League and served as a President of the Minneapolis Woman’s Club. In Dubuque, she served as a “hostess” for her husband’s family’s business, Flexsteel (Furniture) Industries, Inc. Mary Lou loved to entertain and organize wonderful social events. She served on the board of Finley Hospital. She had her own store, Pizzazz, a lovely boutique in the historic Julien Dubuque Hotel. In addition to Pizzazz, she had a store, MLH Limited, also in the Julien Hotel a few years after Pizzazz, and later in the Executive Inn in Evansville, IN. She loved retailing and all the people she would meet in her stores. In Key Largo, FL, she was a founding contributor to the Ocean Reef Cultural Center. In Evansville, IN, Mary Lou was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, DAR, and a former member of PEO.

Mary Lou was a former member of Ocean Reef Club, Key Largo, FL, the Key Largo Anglers Club and the Card Sound Golf Club of Key Largo. She was also a former member of Dubuque Golf and Country Club, the Evansville Country Club and the Kennel Club of Evansville.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Howard C. Pierce. She is also preceded in death by her beloved husband, Herbert L. Hughes.

Mary Lou is survived by her daughter, Connie Montgomery and husband, Ken of Evansville, IN, her daughter, Nan Reider and husband Mike of Brownsburg, IN, and her daughter Kay Thieleke of Conyers, GA. She is also survived by her brother, Frank A. Pierce of Holly Hill, FL. Left to cherish fun times with their "Mar" are her grandchildren, Kimberly Montgomery Sullivan of Evansville, John Christopher Montgomery of Dublin, OH, Brandon Reider of Brownsburg, IN, Jamin Reider of Holland, MI , Aric Reider of Brownsburg and Tara Thieleke of Conyers, GA. Great Grandchildren: Kyle Sullivan of Evansville, IN, Hannah Jo and Logan Reider of Brownsburg, Hayden and Halle Reider of Holland, MI, Ben and Matthew Montgomery of Dublin, OH, Sebastain, Sophie and Emma Mosley of Conyers, GA. She is also survived by loved nieces, nephews, and other cherished family members.

The funeral service will be at 10am, January 10, in the Historic Chapel at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN. Visitation will be half an hour before the Service. Burial will be in Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN.

In lieu of flowers, charitable donations may be directed to the Medical Center at Ocean Reef, 50 Barracuda Lane, Key Largo, FL 33037; the IU Glick Eye Institute, 1110 W. Michigan St., Indianapolis, IN 46202 or to Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 5130 Lincoln Ave., Evansville, IN 47715.