



Laura Jane (Fisher) Mills

September 21, 1923 - November 3, 2016

LAURA JANE (FISHER) MILLS

Laura Jane (Fisher) Mills of Bloomington died Thursday, November 3, at IU Health Bloomington Hospital with her family and several close friends at her side. She was born September 21, 1923, in Montezuma, Kansas, to Arthur Andrew and Hilda (Wilson) Fisher. She grew up in Copeland, Kansas, and married her high school sweetheart, Dean Mills, at Fort Warren, Cheyenne, Wyoming, on February 4, 1945. After the war they lived for a time in New York City, while he attended graduate school at Columbia University. They then lived in Benton Harbor, Michigan, and subsequently moved to Wheaton, Illinois, in the early 1950s. They lived in Wheaton and Glen Ellyn, Illinois, for nearly 40 years.

Education and learning were her lifelong passions. She graduated from Copeland High School and Dodge City Junior College and then completed her undergraduate degree at Fort Hays Kansas State Teachers College in Hays, KS. She later earned her Master's in education from National College of Education in Evanston, IL. She taught school in Kansas, New York, Michigan, and Illinois. Her last teaching position before retirement was in special education at Hadley Junior High School in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. She loved teaching, and her students loved her.

She moved to Bloomington in 1989 to be closer to her daughter Mary, and then to Meadowood Retirement Community in 2000 (at "the turn of the

century,” she liked to say). She thoroughly enjoyed the many activities and wonderful people at Meadowood, and she often said that there was no place where she would be happier. She and Mary loved to travel together, and they usually had at least one upcoming “adventure” in the planning stages.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary (Mark) Belding, of Bloomington; her brother, Tony (Joyce) Fisher of Copeland, KS; her sister, Judykay (Ken) Kohler of Charlotte, NC, and several nieces and nephews who were very dear to her. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, and her sisters Adeline Fisher Beck, Bea Fisher Alexander, and Florence Fisher.

She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the Bloomington Argonaut Club, and several book clubs. She became an alumna initiate member of Theta Chapter of Sigma Kappa Sorority in 2006. She was interested in genealogy for most of her life, and she relished working the crossword puzzle every day.

Special thanks to her loyal “Musketeer” friends, as well as to the professional and compassionate nursing staff of the Progressive Care Unit at the hospital. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, November 10, at 11:00am at Trinity Episcopal Church, 111 S. Grant Street, Bloomington. Family will receive friends from 10:00am until the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Laura Mills may be made to the Second Century Fund, Trinity Episcopal Church, 111 S. Grant Street, Bloomington, IN 47408

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Episcopal Church
111 S Grant St
Bloomington, IN 47408-4031
(812) 336-4466

Tribute Wall

GF

“ Dear Mary and Family, my sincere sympathies to you all regarding the Laura's passing. I feel privileged to have met and conversed with her. She was such a lovely, gracious woman and, even in the few times I interacted with her, I felt a distinct warmth and kindness. My prayers for your healing and strength as you navigate your loss.

Blessings,
Georgia Frey (I met you both at the Meadowood women's breakfasts; I am Evelyn Field's daughter-in-law)

Georgia Frey - November 12, 2016 at 09:33 AM

LH

“ I have so many great memories of Laura. We met when we both worked at Hadley Jr. High in Glen Ellyn, IL. What a blessing for me. We became friends (we were both short and could see eye to eye). She lived her life with so much joy (and sorrow when Dean passed on). She loved to travel and it was fun to hear about her trips and experiences.. She was so good for those children who she taught our language and customs to, how much easier it made life for them.

She loved to fly airplanes and once when visiting us, Art, took her up in the airplane and let her fly it. She was in 7th Heaven. We feel blessed to have known her. Life has many blessings and Laura was one of them for us.

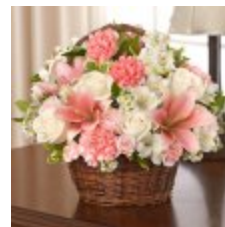
Her daughter, Mary, was her joy. She was so proud of her. She enjoyed Mary and Mark's visits so much. I could go on forever. She will be missed. I loved (still love) her.

Lotta & Art Hollenbeck

Lotta Hollenbeck - November 08, 2016 at 04:19 PM

JG

“ *Judy (Fletcher) Geigner purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White for the family of Laura Jane (Fisher) Mills.*



Judy (Fletcher) Geigner - November 05, 2016 at 02:01 PM

DA

“ *Kind, gentle, thoughtful, well-read, well-traveled, brilliant mind, supportive, beautiful inside and outside-----these are just a few "descriptions" of Aunt Laura. I have so many memories over the years, and will cherish forever her great love of family and her always "being there" to share the "high points" as well as "low points" in my life. No one could ever ask for a more wonderful Aunt and she will be greatly missed by all who had the great honor of knowing her. Rest in peace, Aunt Laura. We will never forget you! With much love, your nephew Dennis.*



Dennis Alexander - November 05, 2016 at 10:40 AM

BW

“ *Laura made a difference to all who met her. She brought us hope, sunshine and grace and oh, what a beautiful smile. I will miss her always. Brenda Waldron and Family*

Brenda Waldron - November 05, 2016 at 10:11 AM