



Lorene Fox

August 3, 1932 - July 19, 2020

Lorene Fox (nee White) 87 of Bloomington, IN died on July 19, 2020. She was born in Heltonville, IN on August 3, 1932 to Walter and Sarah (Fleetwood) White, the youngest of five children. Born in the depths of the Great Depression, she always dreamed of better times and visiting faraway places. After graduating from Heltonville HS she moved to Bloomington and worked at Sarkes Tarzian. Always adventurous, she lived in Terre Haute, visited New York City and flew to California in the 1950's to marry Donald M. Fox in Hollywood, a marriage lasting 61 years until Don's death. Returning in 1961 to be closer to family, she resided in Bloomington the rest of her life. Lorene loved fashion and decorating, sewing many of her own clothes in the early years, and was known for her signature necklaces. She always strove to elevate her own life and those around her, emphasizing education and cleanliness, challenging family with experimental cooking, and perpetually redecorating the family home. After her children left for college, she worked as an administrative assistant for IU in Research and Graduate Development, then Sociology until retirement.

Lorene was a dedicated member of Phi Beta Psi charitable sorority, enjoyed soap operas, entertaining, holidays, rides in her convertible, and artistically wrapping Christmas presents. She greatly valued her many friends and neighbors throughout Bloomington. For years, she never stored her Christmas tree but merely redecorated it for each new season, bringing joy to visitors throughout the year.

Lorene was preceded in death by her husband Donald, brothers Ray, Olin and Lloyd White, sister Lola Norman, nieces Edna "Edge" Adkins, Letta Mae Purdy and Wilma Wright, nephews Dewey, Dean and David White. Lorene is survived by daughter Melody Fox, son Richard L. (Sonya) Fox, granddaughter Sarah E. Fox, nieces and nephews and their families, Kay (John) Timm, Brenda (Gary) McDonald, Leroy and Bob Norman, Daryl, Dale and Kenny Ray White, Dana Aucoin, Donald (Cynthia) Adkins, Dina (Stephen Finnerty) Adkins, and Jodi Adkins, cousins Carol Bennett, Sherri Sipes, Tony Sipes, and many relatives in the White and Adkins families. Upon her death she had 29 great, 30+ great great and 4 great great great nieces and nephews.

The family appreciates the loving care provided to Lorene by Sherry Parks and Trent Shipley, and thanks Shelby and Gretchen Wilson and Nancy Lambert for their exceptional friendship. A Celebration of Life will occur in 2021. Everything Lorene touched in life she left better than she found it, and always looked for ways to be kind to others.

You are invited to share a memory or leave condolences at www.allencares.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Lorene's summer "Christmas tree." She would redecorate it for each season to the delight of visitors.



Melody Fox - September 10, 2020 at 10:51 PM

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“ Thank you to Lorene for all the memories of visiting your house. Southern sweet tea will always make me think of the Fox household. Tnx to Don for all the laughs and stories. And to the memory of both of you. And to your family.

Charles Hodge - August 05, 2020 at 03:21 PM

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Melody Fox - August 02, 2020 at 07:57 PM

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Melody Fox - August 02, 2020 at 07:53 PM

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“ *My Great Aunt Lorene will be greatly missed. She was a very important part of my childhood years and those of her many nieces and nephews. We all still miss Christmas parties at her home as she was a fabulous cook and her home was always festive and as beautiful as any Christmas card. Welcoming our large extended family into her home provided a sense of tradition, continuity, and warmth that we were privileged to grow up with and that have created lasting memories.*

My aunt will definitely be remembered for her gift for aesthetics whether it be her personal accessorizing, flower gardening, or interior design. She had a contagious enthusiasm in her interactions with others, the gift of gab, and loved to laugh.

In the following regard, she was very humble, attributing her children's accomplishments solely to their efforts, however, I find it necessary to recognize how greatly she loved her children and her granddaughter and how very proud she was of all of them. Raising intelligent, compassionate, successful children is no small accomplishment in life and I believe that many of their talents and values live on and are reflected in them. May they all find peace in this time of grief and know that you are surrounded by the love of your family.

Dana

Dana Aucoin - August 02, 2020 at 06:20 PM

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“ One of my best memories of my Aunt Lorene was accompanying her on numerous baby sitting jobs when I was a little girl because she invented wonderful children's stories in her imagination and each time she sat with the children we all looked forward to see what was going to happen next. I had been read to but she was the first to introduce me to serial stories from imagination. I also recall that she painted often at 1 point in her life and 1 of these paintings we enjoyed seeing hanging in my father's house for many years. I must mention that my Aunt Lorene was a natural care giver. She took wonderful care of me once following surgery. She cared for both of her parents in their later years, took her sister shopping when she was unable to go on her own and brought many wonderful meals to friends and relatives in need. It is so hard to imagine that she is gone, she will be greatly missed. Thoughts and prayers are with her children and granddaughter who surely inherited many of her artistic gifts!

Kay Aucoin- Timm

Kay Aucoin - August 02, 2020 at 05:21 PM