



Louise Blish

November 11, 1929 - May 15, 2017

Louise Blish (nee Metzger), age 87, died May 15, 2017 at home. She was born on November 11, 1929, to Carl Bryan Metzger and Zilpha Adele (Baker) Metzger. She was raised on the family cattle ranch in the Sand Hills of northwest Nebraska near Merriman. She completed her primary schooling in Lincoln, Nebraska. She was a 1951 graduate of the University of Nebraska with Bachelor's Degrees in English and History. While in college she joined the Palladian Society Literary Club, where she met fellow member Ervin Ralph Blish. They were married for 61 years until his death in 2013.

In addition to nurturing her children and grandchildren, Louise was a career volunteer. Her many activities include: leadership roles in the local chapter of the American Association of University Women; being a respected docent for the Indiana University Art Museum; serving as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for vulnerable children; leading Girl Scout troops; reading to children as part of the Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM); and hosting and participating in the women's circle of the First United Methodist Church. An ardent advocate of the arts, she routinely attended IU School of Music performances, the Lotus World Music and Arts Festival, and supported WFIU/WTIU and public radio. She led a modest life; her few indulgences were trips abroad to immerse herself in her love for Ancient Classical cultures and art. She strived to make a difference in the world through liberal causes and humanitarian efforts. She hosted international students, supported Native

American communities, and advocated for women's rights. She was an environmentalist, devoting untold hours cultivating her suburban flower garden and bird sanctuary. She was never without a feline.

She is survived by her brother Arthur Bryan Metzger; children Angela O'Malley (Tim), Becky Carter (Steve), Jeanette Hathaway (Jeff), and David Blish (Susan); her grandchildren Alison O'Malley (Sean Larson), Emily Goble (Tyler), Andrew Hinnefeld (Misty), Edward Hinnefeld, Elizabeth Hathaway (John Balbach, Jr.), Brian Hathaway (Samantha Sieloff), Madeline Blish, Abigail Blish, Elizabeth Carter (Kim Seyfert), and Ens. Patrick Carter; and great-grandchildren Maya Hinnefeld, Charles Hinnefeld, Luke Balbach, and Addison Goble. The family is grateful to Louise's in-home caregivers, especially Sibley, Jennifer, and Lea.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and brother Newell David Metzger.

Friends and family are invited to her memorial service June 3rd, 2017, at 11:00 A.M., at the First United Methodist Church of Bloomington, 219 East 4th Street. A reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her name may be made to Pets Alive (812-349-1349), Heifer International (heifer.org), EarthJustice (earthjustice.org), or the ACLU (aclu.org).

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com.

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“ Angie, Becky, and all, so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I know she raised two wonderful ladies that she had inspired with her admirable interests and beliefs of the world that are still being passed down to their children. Chuck and I's deepest sympathy goes out to you all for the loss of this very special woman. ~~ Nancy and Chuck Webber

Nancy Webber - June 03, 2017 at 11:14 AM



“ Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Louise Blish.



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