



Shirley E. Rumble

July 28, 1927 - July 26, 2011

Shirley Rumble, of Bloomington, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 26th. She was almost 84. She was predeceased by her sister (Lorraine), her husband (Kenneth Rumble), and her brother (Duane). She is survived by three daughters: Kathy Sollenberger (husband Mark), Karen Diggs, and Karol Leavitt; and four grandchildren (Kelly Sollenberger, Kris Sollenberger, Kory Leavitt, and Kara Leavitt).

Shirley Elizabeth Flanagan was the eldest of three, born on July 28th, 1927 in Avon, Indiana. She moved to Bloomington, married Kenneth Leroy Rumble in 1946, and started a family there. She always considered Bloomington her home. Besides raising her three beautiful daughters, Shirley spent several years at Indiana University. She excelled in the world of academia, even earning a perfect GPA during her freshman year (one of only 17 students in a class of over 2,000 to achieve such an honor). She remained an honor student throughout her years at IU, and was one of the first married women to be initiated into a sorority on campus (Alpha Phi - Beta chapter). In 1960, she was initiated into Kappa Kappa Kappa

("Tri Kappas"), a philanthropic sorority which she remained a part of for decades. Years later, as Chapter President, she was instrumental in raising over \$27,000 to donate a fully furnished new room as part of an additional wing of the Bloomington Hospital.

In the 1970s, Shirley became the West Coast Representative of the NTIC (National Transportation Information Center) and traveled around the country with a briefcase in hand... quite unusual work for a woman at that time. Although she continued to travel the world following her husband's passing in 1982, Shirley moved to Scottsdale, Arizona to be closer to her daughters and their families. She was undoubtedly considered the "favorite" grandparent by her grandchildren, and was loved for her wry sense of humor and amazing generosity. Shirley will forever be remembered for her unwavering devotion to her family, her smart wit, and her elegant beauty.

Friends and family will be celebrating the life of Shirley Rumble on Saturday, August 6th from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon at Allen Funeral Home in Bloomington (4155 Old State Road 37). In lieu of flowers, her family has requested that donations be made to Hospice of the Valley in Phoenix (www.hospiceofthevalley.org) in her honor. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Shirley was my "other mother", and I loved her with all my heart. I will never forget her passion for life, her strength in the face of adversity, and her unlimited love and laughs for all around her. The world has lost a wonderful woman; but we will always have her spirit!

Jean Van Minnen - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

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“ Mrs. Rumble was like a 2nd mom to me. Her door was always open, and she would listen to anything we had to say and laugh as hard as any of us. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Marsha Henson - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

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“ Mrs. Rumble had the ability to make one feel like they were an important part of her world and literally lit up any room she was in. I remember fondly every conversation I had with her and have thought/will think of her often always. What a lady!

Dan Henson - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

ED

“ Shirley was a wonderful lady and will be missed by all. Sincere condolences to Kathy, Karen and Karol

Ed Baker - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM