



Vera M. O'Lessker

October 24, 1929 - January 22, 2019

Vera M. O'Lessker, 89, of Bloomington, passed away on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at Gentry Park Retirement Community. She was born on October 24, 1929 in New Albany, Indiana; the daughter of Atwood and Anna (Anderson) McKim.

Vera obtained her degree in Art History from American University in Washington, D.C. Vera was deeply committed to the I.U. Jacobs School of Music, along with the Art and Theatre departments. For many years, she was a treasurer for the Friends of Music. Vera continued her volunteer work with the Monroe County Historical Society. She was a generous, loving, and devoted mother, grandmother, and homemaker who enjoyed art, gardening, and swimming. Vera owned and operated Vera's Fine Antiques. She and her late husband, Karl, regularly traveled abroad including Europe and China. Vera helped raised money for her husband's congressional campaign, by authoring "Dining with Democrats". Vera was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church and Daughters of American Revolution.

Vera is survived by her children, Charles (Karen) O'Lessker, Elisabeth Jacobs, and Richard (Tessie) O'Lessker; grandchildren, Sarah Loos, Nicholas (Arielle) Jacobs, and Christopher (Katelynn) O'Lessker; step-grandchildren, Racheal Bowling, Tanya Bradford, Robert Greene, Jr., and James Greene; great-grandchildren, Aemilia, Matthew, Jr., and one on the way; along with five

surviving siblings.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Karl O'Lessker, and four siblings.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 2222 E. 3rd St. Bloomington. Burial will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens. Family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 25, 2019 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Vera's memory to the "Karl and Vera Friends of Music Scholarship at IU Jacobs School of Music." You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Vera's family at www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Service

JAN **26**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St Charles Borromeo Church
2222 E 3rd St
Bloomington, IN 47401-5385
(812) 336-6846

Tribute Wall

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“ I did not know the lady, but I send my sympathies to my old friend Elisabeth and all family and friends. With love, Lisa Williams



Lisa Williams - January 27, 2019 at 04:08 PM

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“ We served for many years with Vera on the Board of the Friends of Music of I.U.
She was a bright, cheerful and talented lady, and a dedicated member of the Board for many years.

Bruce and Shannon Storm

Shannon Storm - January 23, 2019 at 06:10 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Vera M. O'Lessker.



January 23, 2019 at 12:49 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Vera M. O'Lessker.*



January 23, 2019 at 08:51 AM