

Date of Birth

Nov 08, 1920

Nov 03, 2016

## **Patricia Ann Calmer**

Patricia Ann CalmerAge: 95 • South Burlington, VT Patricia Ann McCorkle Calmer died on November 3, 2016 due to a tragic accident. She was 95 years old. She was born on November 8, 1920 at Home Hospital, Lafayette, Indiana to Addie Justine Wilson McCorkle and John Russell McCorkle. She grew up on the family farm near Shawnee Mound, West Point, Indiana, where her ancestors had resided since the early 1800's. She graduated from Jackson Township High School in 1938 with many years of perfect attendance. She participated in theater, played piano, and received the Indiana Good Citizenship Award. Following high school, Patricia attended Purdue University majoring in home economics. She was initiated in the Alpha chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta in 1939 and was a life long member. She was also a member of Epsilon chapter of Tri Kappa, now known as Kappa Kappa Kappa, an Indiana women's philanthropic organization. In 1946, she joined the Washburn chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in which she was a life long member. After Purdue and until 1948, Patricia worked for the federal Department



of Agriculture Farmers' Home Administration in Greencastle, Indiana. On August 7, 1948 she married Donald Edward Calmer (formerly of Sioux City, Iowa whom she met on a blind date) at the McCorkle family home and moved to Cleveland, Ohio. Their lives together would take them to Parma, Parma Heights and Brecksville, Ohio; Schenectady, New York; Western Springs, Illinois; Upper St. Člair, Pennsylvania; and Carmel and Noblesville, Indiana. As she moved around the country, she would connect with the local Kappa Alpha Theta and DAR chapters and enjoy her new friends and communities. She worked extensively on her family genealogy in the United States stretching back into the 1600's. Following Donald's death at Noblesville, Indiana on November 12, 2012, Patricia moved to South Burlington to be near family. But in her heart, she always remained a Hoosier. Patricia's two younger brothers, Charles Andrew McCorkle and Donald Wilson McCorkle predeceased her. She is survived by her children, Charles Edward Calmer of Lake Oswego, Oregon, and Emily Ann Calmer Magowan, and her husband, Stephen Patrick Magowan of South Burlington, Vermont; and grandchildren Patrick Richard Magowan of Scottsdale, Arizona, and Justine Elizabeth Magowan of New York City; and many nieces and nephews.Following her wishes there will not be a memorial service. Patricia and Donald's ashes will be interned in her family cemetery near West Point, Indiana at a later date. For those who wish, memorial contributions can be made to the Tippecanoe County Historical Society of Lafayette, Indiana, www.tippecanoehistory.org.Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Cremation Society of Chittenden County a division of the Ready Funeral Home, 261 Shelburne Rd., Burlington, VT 05401. Visit burlington freepress.com/obituaries to Express condolences and sign the guest book.



## **Memories of Patricia**



