



Katheryn "Kay" H. Loughrin

December 19, 1921 - June 16, 2014

On June 16, 2014, Katheryn "Kay" H. Loughrin, "Grandma" passed peacefully surrounded by family. The fourth of five children of Owen Hudson and Norma Tompkins, she was born December 19, 1921 in Cadillac, MI.

Graduating from Cadillac High School in 1940, Kay joined the Women's Army Air Corps in 1943. She served as a codebreaker in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. She was often the subject of recruitment photos, several of which can be found in the United States Army Woman's Museum in Fort Lee Virginia. It was in the Philippines where she met Sergeant John "Jack" Loughrin, also of Cadillac. After the war the couple married in 1947.

Along with her husband, she graduated from University of Michigan in 1949 with degrees in History and Elementary Education. From her first job in a one-room school house in Saline, , Kay was a devoted teacher. Upon moving to Lexington, KY in 1963 she taught in George Washington Carver Elementary, earned her masters in education from University of Kentucky, and later retired from Meadowthorpe Elementary in 1985.

Jack and Kay had five children: Norah Marcinek (Stanley), Susannah Brodel (Jon), Shannon Shields (Greg), John Loughrin (Linda), and Owen Loughrin

(Deborah). She adored her twelve grandchildren: Marissa, Stanley, Kazmin, James, Kathleen, Jack, Clay, John, George, Allyson, Caitlin and Emma; and three great-grandchildren: Sebastian, Olivia and Emory.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jack, her siblings, and daughter Susie.

She loved her family, children, pets, holidays, entertaining, her cabin in Michigan, nature, gardening, bird watching, reading, music and pool parties. The family would like to thank St. Joseph Hospice Care, Lexington Country Place, and Dr. Thomas Von Unrug and his staff for their outstanding care.

Burial will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 9, 2014. A celebration of her life will be held at her cabin on Sunday, August 10, 2014. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com