

Mary Skaggs Kuhn

April 21, 1919 – March 4, 2013

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Mary Skaggs Kuhn, 93, passed away on March 4, 2013, surrounded by her family.

Mary was born in Hinton, West Virginia, on April 21, 1919, to Ida Mary Via and William Bibb Skaggs, D.D.S. She graduated from the University of Maryland School of Nursing on the eve of America's entry into World War II. Mary was then recruited as a stewardess by American Airlines at a time when flight attendants were required to be single, petite, personable, and registered nurses. She was based in New York City, where she often gently reminded Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia to fasten his seatbelt prior to landing at LaGuardia Field. Later, Mary transferred to Los Angeles, where she met John Gordon Kuhn, a handsome Marine Corps fighter pilot recently back from the South Pacific. Following their marriage, they moved to his family home in Austin, Texas, where her two children, Judy and John, were born. After divorcing, Mary and her two young children moved to Richardson, Texas, where she was an industrial nurse at Texas Instruments. She was unable to continue working after she developed rheumatoid arthritis. Mary lived in the same special neighborhood in Richardson for over 50 years. Despite many challenging years of living with a debilitating disease, Mary maintained a cheerful attitude and a wonderful sense of humor. All who knew Mary will sorely miss that humor and her sunny smile. Since 2010, Mary resided at Trinity Terrace in Fort Worth Texas.

Survivors: Daughter, Judy Kuhn A., and her husband, Stephen R. A., of Fort Worth, Texas; son, J. Kuhn, and his wife, E. Jackson Kuhn, of Georgetown, Texas; and three grandchildren, L. Kuhn Jones and her husband, C. Jones, of Austin, Texas; M. Kuhn and her fiancé, C. Fawal, of Washington, D.C., and W. Jackson Kuhn, of Austin, Texas. The family wishes to thank the staff of Trinity Terrace Health Care Center and Dr. Janice K. and Dr. Amy M., both of the Department of Geriatric Medicine at the University of North Texas Health Science Center, for the wonderful care that Mary received. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made either to Medical Ministry International or to your charity of choice.

Arrangements: A memorial service celebrating Mary's life will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2013, at 1:30 pm, at the chapel in Trinity Terrace, 1600 Texas Street in Fort Worth, with Reverend Tricia Baldwin officiating.

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