

Mary Ann Maritz

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Maritz, Mary Ann Mary Ann Maritz, known to everyone as Ann and a special few as Annie, passed away on December 14, 2018 at the age of 93. Married 46 years to the late James Albion Maritz, Jr., she is survived by her son, James A. Maritz, III (Michele Fister Maritz) and daughter, Cynthia Ann Maritz. She leaves behind three grandchildren: James A. Maritz, IV (Liz Henderlong Maritz), Lindsey Ann Waite (Jarod Waite) and Theodore Michael Maritz, and two great-grandchildren, Louisa Ann Maritz and Harper Judith Waite. The daughter of William and Edith Niemeyer, Ann grew up in Little Rock, Arkansas before moving to New Orleans and then St. Louis. She graduated from John Burroughs School in 1943. After attending Finch Junior College and working in New York and St. Louis as a shoe designer, Ann married

Jim Maritz on February 12, 1948. They lived the rest of their lives in St. Louis. Ann was a dedicated wife to her husband, Jim, and was very supportive of his career by participating in frequent events at Maritz, Inc. She was an award-winning artist with the St. Louis Artist Guild and a member of the St. Louis Water Color Society. Her love of art lead her to becoming very active at the St. Louis Art Museum and being a docent for many years. In addition, she co-edited *Artist in the Kitchen*, a cookbook that raised funds for the Saint Louis Art Museum. Additionally, Ann was a member of the Junior League of St. Louis, the Saint Louis Woman's Club and was a dedicated civic leader and volunteer. She spoke fluent French, played competitive tennis, was an avid bridge player, gardener, and accomplished cook (her chocolate sauce is legendary). She was active on the Friends Board of the Humane Society of St. Louis and for more than 15 years, Ann volunteered in the Humane Society's Visiting Pet Program. She got great pleasure in taking her beloved dogs, Maggie and Thatcher, to nursing homes to visit and talk with the residents. Blessed with a huge heart, quick wit and clever sense of humor, Ann was unwavering in her devotion to her family. She was a loyal and generous friend who was renowned for many attributes, including her never-wavering sense of fun and creative gift giving. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. The family thanks her caregivers, Ashley Clayburne, Rhonda Owens, and Earnestine Burrell for their kindness, patience, and service. The family also wants to express their gratitude to Fannie Sommerville and the compassionate and caring hospice nurses from St. Luke's Hospital. Lastly, the family would like to acknowledge and thank Pam Underwood and Renee Strutman for their assistance, friendship and loyal support to Ann over the years. Services: A Memorial Service will be conducted at Central Presbyterian Church, 7700 Davis Dr., at Hanley Rd., Clayton on Friday, January 11, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations may be sent to the Humane Society of St. Louis, 1201 Macklind Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110, and St. Luke's Hospital, 232 South Woods Mill Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017. A SERVICE OF LUPTON CHAPEL

