



Mary Alice McIntyre

November 3, 1928 - October 10, 2020

Mary Alice McIntyre, 91, passed peacefully to her eternal home at 7:10 a.m. Saturday, October 10, 2020 at Sarasota Memorial Rehab Center. She was born November 3, 1928 in South Bend, Indiana to the late Christian Harold “Chris” and Vera Brown Knochel.

After she graduated from Wolcott High School, Wolcott, Indiana she was soon married to Ralph Sharkey and they had three children Linda, Lowell, and Ken Sharkey.

After her first marriage ended, she worked as a bank teller in Kentland, Indiana where she met her future spouse, Bill McIntyre. They were married and added three additional children to their family Carol, Bill, and David McIntyre.

Mary Alice was the original Energizer Bunny with many talents. She was an excellent seamstress, barber/beautician, decorator, cook, and homemaker. She was compassionate and caring, always putting her family first. Over the years, in addition to caring for six children, she worked at Sears and L.S. Ayres.

After raising their family, they enjoyed traveling and seeing the world. She was able to enjoy her love of music and the arts on their travels. She was a

member of Trinity United Methodist Church Sarasota for many years.

She was a devoted mother and wife of 58 years to William James McIntyre and she is survived by her children, Linda Sharkey, Lowell (Shellia) Sharkey, Ken (Janna) Sharkey, Carol (Dan) Espinosa and William (Noris) McIntyre. She was blessed with 7 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Chris and Vera Brown Knochel, Siblings, Don (Marge) Dalrymple, Harold (Betty) Knochel, Dale (Joan) Knochel, husband William James McIntyre and son, David Chris McIntyre. Surviving siblings are Dr. Wayne (Mary) Knochel, Gerald (Phyllis) Knochel, Kathleen (Joe) Faissal and Carole (the late Jack) Hasselbring.

There will be a gathering of family and friends for a memorial service to celebrate her life at Toale Brothers, Colonial Chapel, 40 N. Orange Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236, at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday October 17, 2020.

Interment, along side her husband and son, and a memorial service will be held at Fairlawn Cemetery in Kentland, Indiana at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the David C. McIntyre Scholarship Fund at Ball State University Cms.bsu.edu.