



Obituary for Doris VandenBelt

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Doris VandenBelt was born May 3, 1927 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She was the daughter of Rudolf and Emily Jedele. She grew up in Ann Arbor, and Ypsilanti Michigan where she graduated from Roosevelt School in 1944. She attended Eastern Michigan University where she graduated in 1948 with a degree in Home Economics. While in high school she met Ben H. VandenBelt whom she subsequently married in 1948. They recently celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary and the anniversary of their first date 71 years ago! Doris is survived by two children, Kathryn J. Collar of Plano, Texas and Garret VandenBelt of Spring, Texas. She was preceded in death by a second son, Peter J. VandenBelt who died in 1990. Peter left a widow and son Jonathan H. VandenBelt. Julie, Peter's widow remarried Thomas Netter, and their new family has remained a part of the VandenBelt family. Doris was very proud of her ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren, with a fourth on the way. During their marriage, Doris lived with her husband briefly in Ypsilanti, Michigan and Austin, Texas. In 1953 her husband Ben joined the Ford Motor Company. Over the years they lived in Dearborn, Michigan, Sao Paulo, Brazil, and then back in Farmington Hills, Michigan. During their 30 year retirement, Ben and Doris lived in Lakeway, and also at the Heritage and the Conservatory in Austin. In May 2012, they moved to Plano, Texas to be close to their daughter Kathryn Collar. As a married adult and mother, Doris led an active life and was deeply involved in the American Association of University Women, the Altar Guilds of the various Episcopal churches they attended and especially the Woman's Council of the Bay View Association, where Ben and Doris spent their summers. Throughout her life Doris enjoyed reading and gardening and all forms of needlework, quilting, weaving and embroidery, which she loved. Doris was a warm, generous, outgoing and friendly person who gave selflessly of her time to the activities and friends she loved. She will be missed by her many friends but her foremost concern was always as a mother and grandmother. She was a guide and role model for her family in whose hearts she will live forever. A memorial celebrating her life will be held on November 8, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. at Christ Church Plano, 4550 Legacy Drive, Plano, Texas, 75024.

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