

Betty Peterson Hupman, 80

Betty Peterson Hupman, 80, Naples, Fla., formerly of Loretto, passed away Thursday, July 5, 2007, after a year-long battle with cancer. Born Mary Elizabeth Peterson Jan. 13, 1927, to John C. and Ursula Peterson, she was one of 11 children.

After graduating from high school, Betty enlisted in the U.S. Cadet Nurse Program and went on to graduate from the Nazareth School of Nursing in Louisville. She worked as a registered nurse at the Veteran's Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, where she met her beloved husband, Robert Eugene Hupman. Betty's husband bought her father's dairy farm and the couple, along with their five children, moved to Loretto. She continued her nursing career as the night nursing supervisor at Mary Immaculate Hospital (now Spring View) in Lebanon. Betty served her Kentucky community for many years as an elected member of the Marion County School Board and was dedicated to the education of neighborhood youth through her involvement as a 4-H leader. She also was a servant to the Catholic church through her appointment to the Archdiocese Council of Louisville.

After living in Kentucky for 25 years, Betty and her husband relocated to Naples, Fla. There she maintained her active involvement in her community as a member of the cor-

porate board at Naples Land Yacht Harbor, a resident-owned senior community. Betty was looked upon by her fellow residents as an intelligent, outgoing and fair-minded individual who will be greatly missed.

Betty was preceded in death by: her parents; her sister, Nell Brahm; her brothers, James and Cary Peterson; her infant grandson, Brandon Michael Hupman; and her favorite dog, Chip.

Surviving are: her husband of 57 years, Gene; two daughters, Barbara Ratliff and Nancy Mantovani; three sons, Sam (Sandi), George (Kim) and Stephen (Debra) Hupman; two sisters, Catherine (Paul) Rogers and Geraldine Peterson; five brothers, William (Rose Mary), Rev. Gerald, Rev. Harry, Rev. George and Bobby (Mary) Peterson; brother-in-law, Norbert Brahm; four sisters-in-law, Angela and Mary Frances Peterson, Maxine (Michael) Kasper and Mary Ann (Harry) Eldridge; 10 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 17, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in St. Francis, Ky. Memorial contributions can be made to the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Fuller Funeral Home, 1625 Pine Ridge Road, Naples, Fla. 34109, was in charge of the arrangements.