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Christiana Lutz Ransom 1913 – 2001

With much sadness but also comfort in the knowledge that she is in a better place, we write of the passing of one of the matriarchs of the Belvedere Club and the community as a whole.

Generous and friendly, glowing and positive, Mrs. Ransom touched the lives of many and will not be forgotten

Her family passes on the following:

Christiana Lutz Ransom, 87 of Charlevoix died February 8, 2001 in Chicago, IL after a brief illness. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, February 18th, at 1:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix with the Rev. Philip Schairbaum officiating. Interment will follow in the family plot at Brookside Cemetery.

Mrs. Ransom was born on October 3, 1913 in Philadelphia, PA. Her father Major Charles Lutz, USMC was an early military aviator and a winner of the Curtiss Air Trophy. Her mother was Priscilla Seelye of Amherst, MA. She was married for 46 years to the late Woodbury Ransom of Kalamazoo, MI

Mrs. Ransom was a trustee emeritus of Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, NC and Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL. She co-founded, with her husband, the CHIP Counseling Center in Charlevoix to memorialize their late son, Charles Allen "Chip" Ransom. A life-long conservationist, she and her husband donated the 80 acres in Charlevoix County that is now known as the Charles Allen Ransom Nature Preserve. She was the President of the Board of the Woodbury Foundation, a private charitable organization funding educational and social services.

Survivors include her children Woodbury Seelye Ransom of Lansing, IA, Priscilla Ransom MacDougall of Stillwater, MN, Myron P. Boon of Swannanoa, NC, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the CHIP Counseling Center, 6777 U.S. Highway 31, Charlevoix, MI 49720