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### **Ann Russell Allen Flanigan**

Ann Russell Allen Flanigan blessed with the Sacraments of the Church on Friday, September 10, 2010. Dear and beloved wife for 60 years of the late John Patrick Flanigan; devoted mother of John (Sue), Philip (Brenda) and Peter (Beth), Florence Missy, (David) Clark, Annie Flanigan, David Flanigan and Christopher (Emily) Flanigan; loving grandmother of John, Elizabeth, Sarah, Michael, Mary, Cindy, Tina, Drew, Lacey, Lauren, Patrick, Philip, Melissa, Dan and Molly; great-grandmother of fourteen; aunt and great-aunt. Mrs. Flanigan graduated from Villa Duchesne and also attended Manhattanville College and Washington University. She served on many volunteer organizations including American Red Cross and Missouri Historical Society. She was also a member of Fleur de Lis, the Junior League and Missouri Society of Mayflower Descendants. Ann was a Past President of the Priory School Mother's Club. She was a recipient of Villa's Tres Bien Award. She served in the Annunziata Church Altar Society for 25 years. She won the Ladies Singles Tennis Championships and the Ladies Golf Championship at the Belvedere Club in Charlevoix, Michigan. She was a knowledgeable antique dealer and collector. The family would like to thank Mari de Villa for their exceptional care.

Mrs. Flanigan spent most of each summer season at the Belvedere Club between 1920 – 1970 and was a former Belvedere Club Member. There is a one page article in the Belvedere Club 1990 Blue Hardcover Book, which she wrote...

#### Ann Allen Flanigan

It has been said that I was literally almost born at the Belvedere Club. Mother fell down the steps in the cottage and Dr. Armstrong thought my arrival was imminent. As I was in no hurry to be born, I waited until our family had returned to St. Louis.

My family consisted of my mother, Florence York Allen and father, William Russell Allen, two older brothers, York and Russell, and my sister Diddy, whose shadow I became. We spent part of every summer with my grandmother, Mary L. York, as long-time resident, at her lovely cottage on the first terrace (No. 29). After a few years my mother bought cottage No. 43, and we stayed there.

I remember John and his white bus, the flower girls who came by the cottage every morning and their lovely bouquets, Mr. Schneider's fresh vegetable wagon, the milk man and ice man, the marvelous thick milk shakes and "Jeff's" the slot machines at Fessenden's, the movie theatre and the organ grinder with his monkey on his annual visit.

I remember with great pleasure, the Gangs, the horse-back riding at Hooker's, the continual tennis games with Diddy, the Olin sisters and Sallie Anne Currie, our constant companions. There were delicious meals at the Hotel followed by Bingo games, the children's

dances at the Casino, led by Miss Travis, the drives to Petoskey and the enchanting shops there (Bleazby's was always our first stop). There were trains then which went in front of our cottage twice a day, and it was fun to go to the station, put pennies on the tracks and meet the train, or else wave to the engineer as it passed. The boats on the lake in front of the cottage were always a joy to see, as well as the sun dancing on the water. It was a marvelous place to spend our childhood summers!

After I married John Flanigan in 1946 we continued to come, and John thought Charlevoix was heaven on earth. He loved the people and the golf and the beauty of the place. After my mother's death we bought her cottage No. 43. Our seven children, John Jr., Philip, Peter, Missy, Annie, David and Chris, spend many summers there and loved all the activities of the Gangs. In 1964, due to the increases in our family, we moved to a larger cottage No. 49 and remained there through 1970.

After almost fifty summers at the Belvedere I thought we should sell the cottage and visit other parts of the world and other countries abroad which we have done.

My sister, Diddy Allen Schade, and her husband Bill have continued to come to Charlevoix with their children and grandchildren and live in their beautiful home at Loeb's Point.

Our son Peter, with his darling wife Beth, have just purchased cottage No. 109. Peter will be a fourth generation cottage owner, and their son Drew, will be the fifth generation of our family at the resort!

It is truly a wonderful place to spend the summer especially with children. John and I are so pleased that a part of our family will continue there.