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Rosemary A. (Allen) Mueller, 89, of Charlevoix, Michigan passed away September 21, 2011 at her home with her children and grandchildren by her side. Rosemary was born April 14, 1922 in Kalamazoo, MI. She was the youngest of four children of Glenn Seven Allen, Sr. and Annette Brenner Allen. She attended Kalamazoo College for 2 years before graduating with a BA from Carleton College, Northfield, MN in 1943. On September 14, 1945 she married Richard Palmer Mueller, MD. After a short time in New York they moved to Lakewood, Ohio and raised their family of six children. Rosemary was active at the Lakewood Congregational Church, the Lakewood School system booster organizations and the Lakewood Hospital Auxiliary.

She summered at the Belvedere Club in Charlevoix all of her life until moving full-time to the Belvedere Club in 1994. At the Belvedere Club she became involved in various committees including the children's "Gang". She loved to swim, sail, and play tennis and was an original member of "Merry Mild Mothers". Rosemary was a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation-Allen, Belvedere Club member. Her grandfather Oscar Allen from Kalamazoo, Michigan was one of the eight founding members of the Charlevoix Summer Home Association in 1878 which was later renamed the Belvedere Club.

In 2003 she moved to Sugar Bush Knoll with her pup, Casey. She remained a member emeritus of the Belvedere Club. She loved Charlevoix and recently showed her breathtaking garden as part of the Charlevoix Area Garden Club Annual Walk. She attended the First Congregational Church and the Christ Episcopal Church, both of Charlevoix. She was active on several Charlevoix committees including the Lighthouse Preservation Committee, Symphony on the Green Committee, Holly Daze and the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation.

Rosemary's Christian faith and love guided her life in all its stages. She was determined, self-reliant and put smiles on the faces of those around her. Her wit and charm encouraged many to be stronger and more positive. She provided a great example on raising a family, caring, being active, volunteering and giving back to others. Despite being legally blind for the past decade, she maintained and lived in her home until her passing. Her enthusiasm and energy will be missed.

Rosemary's brother, Glenn Allen Jr. and sister, Barbara Bock both predeceased her. Rosemary is survived by her brother Jollie (Sue) Allen of Kalamazoo, MI, her six children Carol Whitworth of Tustin, CA, Shirley Baas of Mitchell, SD, Richard (Linda) Mueller of Long Beach, MS and Castle Farms, MI, Phyllis (Glenn Warren) Mueller of Temecula, CA, Glenn (Val) Mueller of Long Beach, MS, Drs. Rudy (Diane) Mueller of Lakewood, NY, 19 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, and her beloved poodle, Toby.

Rosemary and the family request that in lieu of flowers that friends and family consider her passions with gifts to the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation or the Belvedere Memorial Fund. The family is also grateful for the compassionate care provided by Barbara Lashmit, Nita Gerbracht, the nurses and staff of Charlevoix Area Hospital, Drs. Doskoch, Lame and Wendt, and NW Michigan Hospice.