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Barbara Busse Lawson Hales



To our Belvedere Family,

We've received word that Barbara Busse Lawson Hales passed away on December 31, 2014.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

Barbara Busse Lawson Hales, 88, died peacefully at home on December 31, 2014.

She was born in Chicago, Illinois on May 20, 1926 to Irvin Arthur Busse, Sr. and Mabel Davis Busse. She graduated as class valedictorian from Riverside-Brookfield High School and received a degree in economics from the University of Michigan. In 1948, she married Lawrence J. Lawson Jr., MD and enjoyed a wonderful 45-year marriage until his death in 1993. In 1999, Barbara married Burton W. Hales Jr. and enjoyed another 13 years of truly wedded bliss until his death in 2013.

Except for a year she spent living in Philadelphia and six months teaching English in Japan during the Korean War with her first husband who was then a Navy doctor, Barbara lived her adult life on the North Shore of Chicago. She was very active in her communities, serving as the first female trustee of the Village of Kenilworth and as the second female member of the Kenilworth School District Board of Education. Other organizations she was active in over the years as an officer or board member include the Woman's Athletic Club of Chicago, the Junior League of Evanston, the Easter Seal Society, the Woman's Auxiliary of Evanston Hospital, the Wilmette Women's Golf Association and the Josselyn Center. She also volunteered as a scout leader, Junior Great Books leader and Sunday school teacher. From 1984 to 1994 Barbara was a real estate agent and broker for Quinlan & Tyson/Merrill Lynch/Prudential where she was in the President's Circle.

In her spare time Barbara was an avid golfer and traveler, visiting all 50 states and many foreign countries. Together Burt and Barbara enjoyed spending time in her vacation home in wine country in Sonoma County, CA and in his Charlevoix, MI vacation home. She loved coming to the Belvedere with Burt and both their families and made many new friends. She played many a golf game at the wonderful Belvedere Golf Club and enjoyed playing Bridge at the Casino. But nothing was better than ending every full day on the front porch of the Japanese cottage with just Burt, waving or talking to friends as they strolled by.

Barbara was an extraordinary daughter, sister, wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and friend. She will be deeply missed by all. She is survived by her children and grandchildren as well as three loving step-daughters, Fleur, Cyn, and Martha, their spouses, Ron, Kathryn, and Mark, and four step-granddaughters, Adrienne, Kate, Hannah, and Grace.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in her memory to The Belvedere Scholarship Fund, a cause that became important to her through Burt.