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### Jollie News Allen

To our Belvedere Family,

We've received word that Jollie News Allen passed away on January 11, 2015.

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

Jollie News Allen, 98, of Kalamazoo, Michigan passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 11, 2015.

Jollie was born July 9, 1916 in Kalamazoo, Michigan, one of four children of Glenn S. Allen and Annette Brenner Allen. He graduated in 1938 from Kalamazoo College where he was captain of the varsity tennis team for four years. He then followed his love of flying by enrolling in the Boeing School of Aeronautics. Upon graduation, he worked for Pan American Airlines during WWII as a meteorologist, stationed in Trinidad and Miami. He married his first wife, Carol Walker, in Miami. They then moved to Kalamazoo to continue the family business, Globe Construction Company. After he and Carol divorced, he met and married Susan Jean Hicks, of Grosse Pointe, MI in 1958. They celebrated their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last July.

Jollie was an Eagle Scout, a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason and Shriner. He served on the Board of Directors of the Michigan State Accident Fund and the Kalamazoo Airport Board. He was a member of the Kalamazoo Country Club and the Beacon Club. Jollie was an avid tennis player most of his life, but his real passion was the game of golf, which he thoroughly enjoyed playing, particularly on numerous golfing trips with a close group of friends known as the "Hungry Eight."

Jollie spent his summers as a youth at the Belvedere Club, in Charlevoix, Michigan, where his grandfather, O.M. Allen, was not only a founding member, but designed and built one of the first cottages, lovingly known as the "Bluebell." To the end, Jollie fondly recalled memories and outrageous pranks with his siblings, Glenn, Barbara and Rosemary, and their good friends, the Ware clan, Dac Fraser, and numerous others up on the Belvedere.

Jollie's parents, brother Glenn S. Allen, Jr., sisters Barbara Bock and Rosemary Mueller, and daughter, Barbara, predeceased him. He is survived by his wife, Susan Jean Allen, and children; Jollie W. Allen (Ann), Lori Wiseman (Ken), Melinda Mayor (Doug), and Glenn Scott Allen (Gayle). He is also survived by eight grandchildren; Debbie Florek, Stephanie Bills, Kristen Argo, Nathan Allen, Nicole Allen, Glenn Scott Allen II, John Wiseman, and Katherine Wiseman; seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Jollie will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend. His wit, quick smile and generous heart will be missed. Sue will especially miss their after-dinner, evening cribbage games, played with giant playing cards and much laughter.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of Southwest Michigan, 222 North Kalamazoo Mall, #100, Kalamazoo, MI, or the charity of your choice. A memorial service will be held in the spring.