



Kathryn June Lacy

June 25, 1927 - August 25, 2013

Kathryn June Lacy was born on June 25, 1927 to Pete and Roxie Lacy in West Frankfort, IL. She spent her primary school years growing up in Vergennes, IL, where her mother owned and operated a beauty shop. Kathryn attended high school in Tilden, IL. After graduation, she attended Beauty School in St. Louis, MO. In 1951, Kathryn and her mother opened up the Murphysboro Beauty School which flourished for 40 years until it closed in 1994. Kathryn taught and graduated hundreds of students who she adored, many of which have opened up their own hair salons in Southern Illinois and across the states.

Kathryn saw much potential in one of her students, R. Richard Cox. She mentored him in the area of cosmetology, took him to beauty shows in St. Louis and Chicago, and encouraged him to acquire advanced trainings and certifications in the hair and beauty industry. Richard eventually opened up his own hair salon, The Golden Scissors, first in Murphysboro then in Carbondale. Kathryn maintained books for Richard's salon for many years. She thought of Richard as the son she never had, and spent holidays and shared special family occasions and celebrations with Richard and his wife, Jackie, and their families.

For nearly 20 years, Kathryn worked for Presley's Tours as a guide and traveled all over the world. She took especially good care of her guests while on such tours, and many often booked additional tours knowing that Miss Lacy would be their guide.

Kathryn belonged to the United Methodist Church in Murphysboro, IL. She was an active member and held numerous board positions in the Mitchell Shrine, the White Shrine of Jerusalem in Murphysboro – where she was named Worthy High Priestess in 2009, and a member the Amaryllis Shrine in Marissa – where she was honored as the oldest member of that organization – 66 years! Kathryn was also an active member of the Rainbow Girls, the Red Hat Society, Business and Professional Women, Amaranths, Eastern Star of Murphysboro, the Eastern Star of Southern Illinois Patronettes Club, and many other organizations dear to her heart. In addition, Kathryn volunteered her time and made numerous donations to many other organizations.

Kathryn J. Lacy is survived by a niece, Roberta (Bobbi) I. Montross and her family of Citrus Heights, CA, a great niece, Shannon M. Kummer and her family of Zionsville, IN,

great nieces and nephews, Richard and Jackie Cox and their families, as well as many friends and loved ones, including Alma Davis, her dear life-long friend since 5th grade. Kathryn J. Lacy passed away on August 25, 2013, at the age of 86. At her request, Kathryn was cremated. A tombstone in her honor will be placed at the Parrish Cemetery in Vergennes, IL, next to her mother's.

Donations in honor of Kathryn Lacy's joyful and endearing life may be made to The Masonic Children's Home in Murphysboro, IL. She was loved and will be deeply missed by all.