



Raye Manning Hidecker

February 15, 2012

Raye Manning Hidecker went peacefully to rest on February 15, 2012 at the age of 85. Born December 4, 1926, in Medford, Massachusetts to Arnold and Edith (Lent) Dexter, she was the second child of five. She graduated from Somerville High School in Massachusetts in 1945. In 1947, Raye married Arthur Weld and they moved to Lansing, Michigan where she raised a son and three daughters. In 1968, she married Keith Hidecker and a few years afterward they moved to Florida. Every summer they came home to Michigan. Raye was a wonderful, caring person and very active in her children's lives. She was always involved in the PTA and volunteered for many activities with her children's schools. Raye loved nature and wildlife and would spend countless hours at local nature centers. She was especially fond of Fenner Arboretum in Lansing. But her greatest passion was dancing. She did ballet as a child and loved ballroom dancing when she got older. Raye could really "cut a rug" with the jitterbug any time a swing song was played. Raye had a huge, caring heart and was always there to help anyone in need. It didn't matter if you were family, friend or homeless. Raye always had love to go around. Raye is survived by her son Larry (Debi) Weld of Royal Palm, FL; three daughters, Linda (Doug) Vaughn of Orlando, FL, Lorraine (Jerry) Wheeler of Belding, MI, and Marcia Weld of Charlotte, MI; many grand and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and friends. She will be deeply missed by her sister, Natalie (Don) Skelton of Maine; brother Cliff (Dottie) Dexter of Leesburg, FL; her long time friend Donna Schalla; step sons Jeff

(Mary Jo) Hidecker of Conway, AR and Doug Hidecker of Lansing, Michigan, and her step-daughter, Keitha of TX. Raye is predeceased by her parents; her step-father, George Cormier, husband Keith, and brothers Bob and Budd Dexter of MA. Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at the Maranatha Fellowship Church in Orlando, FL. A funeral service in Michigan will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte, with inurnment at Summit Cemetery in Williamston, Michigan where Raye will be buried alongside Keith. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Fenner Nature Center in Lansing. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.prayfuneral.com

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“ *To Jeff and Mary Jo and all: My thoughts are with you on the death of your stepmother. My mother died last summer and I know what a huge hole that missing person leaves. The memories and things they tried to teach us remain behind. Peace be with you. Elaine Shegitz*

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