



Evelyn E. Froehlich

July 2, 1921 - January 11, 2012

Long time resident and community-involved member of Indianapolis, passed away peacefully on January 11, 2012 with family members at her side. She was born on July 2, 1921 to Polish parents in North Chicago, IL. She married Ralph Froehlich in 1950 and proceeded to build a family of 8 children, moving to California-Arizona-Illinois and finally settling in Indianapolis in 1963. In Indianapolis, Evelyn and Ralph worked with a support and information group for parents of children with Down Syndrome. Evelyn always valued education. Getting a teaching degree from Northern Illinois University allowed her to start the first Montessori preschool in Indianapolis and since then, Montessori Centres has expanded to include an elementary program. After 45 years, the Montessori Centres school continues under Evelyn's daughter's direction. Evelyn and Ralph were active members of St. Joan of Arc and helped many couples through the engaged couples program. Evelyn moved to Lakewood, CA, in 2003, enjoying frequent visits from her children and grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph, and is survived by her children, Lynn Boone (Dennis), Ralph (Linda), Jimmie (Kami), Susan Froehlich (David Ojala), William (Jean), Annette Froehlich, Michael (Julie) and Angi Burkard (Ron); and 12 grandchildren. Visitation will be held Friday, January 20, 2012, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Rd. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 4217 N. Central Ave., Indianapolis, IN. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to following

organizations: Montessori Studies, 563 W. Westfield Blvd., Indianapolis, IN, 46208, Funtastics, Attn: Tom Kentner, 327 Rosebrock Ct., Indianapolis, IN, 46219 or Alpenglow Hospice Foundation, 3200 E. 19th St., Long Beach, CA, 90755. Online obituary is available at www.shirleybrothers.com.