



Merry Jo Carey

November 19, 1919 - June 10, 2012

92, of Indianapolis, passed away June 10, 2012. She was born November 19, 1919, in Clinton County, IN, to the late Joel and Ruth Trenary Kessler. Merry Jo graduated from West Middleton High School in 1937. She moved to Indianapolis in 1942 to attend Comptometry School, even though it was rare during the time for women to attend business school. During the war Merry Jo used this skill in the payroll department at P.R. Mallory Company Defense Plant. Her dream was to become an airline hostess, but because of a heart murmur she was ineligible. Merry Jo met her husband W. Hershel Carey in 1947, and they were married May 16, 1948. He preceded her in death June 14, 2007. Merry Jo was a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother, a charter member and founder of Epworth United Methodist Church, and owner of a small dress boutique in Broad Ripple from 1974-1982. A Celebration of her Life will be held Tuesday, June 19, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church, 6450 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis, IN, 46220. Merry Jo is survived by her children, Leslie Wilson (Jim) and Brian Carey; grandchildren, Nick Wilson, Ashley Wilson-Guidry (Kyle), Ally Wilson, Dana Carey, Shannon Carey and Sara Carey. A brother, James R. Kessler, also preceded her in death. Memorial contributions may be made to Epworth United Methodist Church. Arrangements entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.