



Patricia Ann Spicklemire

April 28, 1925 - May 9, 2011

86, of Indianapolis, was set free from her mortal burdens in the early morning of May 9, in Indianapolis. She was born there April 28, 1925 to the late Maurice and Helen (Bloom) Hanley. Patricia graduated from Arsenal Technical H.S. and completed one year of higher education before she was needed at home to care for her ailing grandmother. She married her loving spouse, Emit Monroe Spicklemire, in 1950 and was a wonderful wife and mother. Patricia worked at the U.S. Postal Service and then at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for most of her career. Patricia was a gentle spirit who loved the outdoors. She was an avid birder and maintained a thriving garden until late in her life. She enjoyed music and theater, as well as poetry and literature, a love which she instilled in her sons, who have all been active thespians or performers at various times. She was a miracle worker in the kitchen, which her entire family, immediate and extended, always appreciated. Nothing gave her more joy than spending time with her eight grandchildren, getting down on the floor, rolling in the grass, or whatever their little hearts desired. We have all been so blessed by the time we've shared with her, and we will all miss her dearly. Patricia is survived by her sons, Kenneth (Melody Drake), Gerald (Mitra Akhavan), and Stephen (Tawn Parent); her grandchildren, Samara Carter, and Brian, Zachary, Emily, Leila, Kathryn, Clay and Ruby Spicklemire; and her siblings, Mary Ellen Keegan, Alice Haupt, Joseph and John Hanley. She is preceded in death by her late husband of 59 years, Emit Spicklemire; her son, Michael Spicklemire; and a brother, Paul

Hanley. Visitation will be Wednesday, May 11, 2011 from 12 noon until the time of services at 2:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St. Interment will immediately follow. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.