



Susan Francine Cook

January 28, 1931 - February 18, 2008

Susan Francine Strate Cook January 28, 1931 Susan passed away in her home on Monday February 18, 2008 after a long courageous seven-year battle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. She was 77, born in Freelandville, Indiana and graduated from Freelandville High School. Susan was preceded in death by her parents Paul and Delerous (Merritt) Strate. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Richard, and loving children, Matthew Cook of Indianapolis and Caroline (Robert) Cook-Scharffer of Petaluma, California. Susan received a BS Degree from Indiana State University (1953) where she was a member of the Chi Omega Sorority. She taught 4th grade in Terre Haute at Cruft Elementary and moved to Indianapolis in 1961. She was appointed by then Gov. Evan Bayh as a trustee to the Indiana Museum Commission and to the Indiana Commission for Women. She served as a lobbyist for the League of Women Voters and the Equal Rights Amendment. A member of Beta Beta Latreian, National & Local women's Political Caucus and Women for Better Government. She attended the National Democratic Convention as a Delegate for the State of Indiana in 1996. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice. Memorial visitation will be from 5:00pm to 8:00pm Thursday, February 21st at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Rd. There will be no service.