



Esther S. Murphy

August 3, 1923 - May 14, 2011

MURPHY. Esther Seaman

Esther Seaman Murphy was born on August 3, 1923 to William Wesley and Clara Belle Mitchell Seaman in Scottdale, PA. She passed away on May 14, 2011 in Dallas, TX. Esther was preceded in death by her adoring husband, and the love of her life, Jack Joseph Murphy, as well as by her five older siblings. For fifty-seven years she and Jack were each other's best friends. Esther graduated from Drexel University and was a lifetime member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. She was married in 1945 in West Hartford where she lived many happy and productive years. In 2005 she moved to Texas to be near her extended family. Esther's warm and caring attitude toward all made her many friends wherever she lived. She and Jack so enjoyed entertaining friends and family. She had a wonderful gift for finding humor in unexpected ways and for being able to turn an unfortunate incident into a happy memory. Esther enjoyed reading, flowers, babies and a fun game of cards. She also enjoyed birds and was a great whistler. No mother could have offered more support and encouragement to her children. Her family was always her first priority. She is survived by her daughter, Margaret Paradise, of Dallas, and her son William S. Murphy and his wife Laurie Jeanne, of Stamford; grandchildren Kerry Slaughter and her husband Mark, Mitchell Paradise and his wife Jennifer, Jack Paradise and his wife Kelly, and Scott Paradise and his wife Trisha; and great-grandchildren, Jack, Bobby and Seamus Slaughter, Wyatt and Pierra Paradise, and Joseph Paradise, all of Dallas. Visitation will be from

4:00 to 6:00 on Thursday, June 16, at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave, West Hartford. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 on Friday, June 17, at St. Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant St., West Hartford. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com