

Ada Dixon Kuhn, 94, (Mrs. Spencer F.) passed away June 26, 2012 at home at Silver Maples of Chelsea, in Chelsea.

She died gracefully, essentially of old age and a well lived life. Her daughter, Margot, was holding hands with her at the peaceful passing. Her beloved friends/staff of Silver Maples were also there, as were her caring nurses of Ann Arbor Hospice.

Ade Kuhn dedicated her life to family and friends, and to volunteer work for causes in which she believed. She was the eternal optimist and made all who knew her feel cared for and special.

Born in Monroe, she attended Westover School and then Garland Junior College where she met her friend, Jean (Webber) Sutphin. Jean introduced her to Spencer (Bill) F. Kuhn, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Ade married Bill in 1947, and moved to Cincinnati, Ohio where she lived for 60 years. Her last few years were spent living happily at Silver Maples of Chelsea retirement community near her daughter, and closer to her beloved summer cottage and community of Harbor Beach. She lived out her life cheerful, entertaining and a shining example of a fabulous senior. She was a woman of vitality who continued to garden and bowl into her 80's.

Ade became active in the Cincinnati community as a newlywed and continued dedicating her time volunteering throughout her life. She served on the Boards of The Convalescent Hospital for Children, The Antiques Festival (and was instrumental in its founding), The Bishop Reece Home (Marjorie P. Lee Home), Cincinnati Art Museum Women's Association, Cincinnati Historical Society, Civic Garden Center of Cincinnati, Community Chest Volunteer's Bureau, Community Council for the Aging, Greater Cincinnati Health Careers, Ohio Diocesan Board of Episcopal Women, and United Sustainers of the Junior League.

Her volunteer career also included The Church of the Redeemer where she was a member for 60 years, taught Sunday school, was on the Episcopal Women's Board, and Rector Search Committee. Volunteering also included The Red Cross, Cub Scouts, Campfire Girls, Bishop Reese Home, Needlework Guild of America, and Junior League where she founded the Puppet Theater, and worked on innumerable committees. She was also a very active Junior League Sustainer, becoming Chair of the Board of the Volunteer Bureau.

Ade was a member of the Cincinnati Country Club, Cincinnati Women's Club, Circle Garden Club, Church of the Redeemer, Convalescent Hospital for Children (Honorary Lifetime Member) now a part of Children's Hospital, Junior League, United Sustainers Junior League.

She will long be remembered for her gracious hospitality. She treasured friends that she knew very well... and friends she just met. She cared deeply about bringing her extended family together from around the country, and world, to renew the ties of the fabulous family heritage. She loved to hear a good story and often could tell one even better. Ade had an abiding faith that there was always something wonderful to look forward to tomorrow. Her legacy has been transferred to those of us who carry forward with joy, and with the ability to laugh at ourselves.

Ade is survived by son, Dixon S. Kuhn of Sausalito, Calif.; daughter, Margot K. (and Tom) Mehringer of Ann Arbor; granddaughters, Natalie Kuhn and Abigail Kuhn.

Ade's husband Spencer (Bill) F. Kuhn, a prominent Cincinnati lawyer, preceded her in death in 1989.

A Memorial service will be conducted at 4 p.m. on Monday July 16, 2012 at the Church of the Redeemer in Cincinnati, Ohio. A private burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Ada suggested contributions to Cincinnati Parks Foundation, Greater Cincinnati Foundation, or the HBRA Endowment Fund in her memory.