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TATE, Mollye “Angels are like diamonds. They can’t be made, you have to find them. Each one is unique.” Our precious and rare diamond, Mollye Ruth Steward Tate, 77, passed from this life on December 30, 2018 at her home surrounded by her family. Mollye loved fiercely, and lived her life to the absolute fullest. She was one of a kind, and she will be dearly missed by all who had the joy of knowing her. Mollye was always the life of the party. (Many said she WAS the party!) In the months before her passing, she celebrated all of her favorite things: a Texas hill country family trip, Thanksgiving with family served on her favorite China, and a “bountiful” Christmas. She and the grandchildren took a last minute gambling trip just last week! She also enjoyed two joyful evenings – the annual family dinner at Lawry’s Prime Rib including Christmas carols sung at the family table, followed by her annual Holiday Girls Night Out dinner with her granddaughter Rebekah and her best friends. Throughout her life she loved to host themed parties, make elaborate costumes to wear to the Mardis Gras parade, and celebrate any and all events with friends and family. She loved going on gambling trips with her friend Jill Hall of Minnesota and separately with her grandson Billy – then returning home to share stories of their escapades. Mollye was larger than life. Her smile would light up a room, her laugh was infectious, and she never met a stranger. Her first job was working as a teller at the Park Cities bank in Highland Park. She loved to tell stories about her days working at the bank, and how the line to see her was always the longest. Mollye and Tom loved to travel, trips to Mexico with their friends were some of their fondest memories... and of course, trips to Las Vegas. Her greatest joy was her family (although martinis and diamonds were a close second). She enjoyed every part of raising her two boys, Will and Terry: homemaking, attending sporting events, cooking, craft projects, and traveling. While her love was homemaking, she was also very successful in managing and flipping both rental houses and an apartment



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complex. She thought nothing could be better than being a mother... that was until she became a grandmother. The grandkids arrived in 1993 and 1995, giving her the new name of "MomMom." Billy and Rebekah were the light of her life. She never missed a sporting event, speech and debate performance, birthday or holiday. Her most favorite thing was easily vacations with her whole family. Having all her "chicks" together on a cruise ship brought her immense joy. Mollye was especially thankful to her daughter-in-law, Elaine, during her last months. Mollye cherished their late night coloring parties, laughter over family events, deep discussions, and quiet moments of reflection. Mollye was born April 25, 1941 in Sentinel, Oklahoma to Joseph and Ruth Slay Steward. Her birth mother died weeks after she was born and Mollye's Aunt Vada and Uncle Bill adopted her. Vada, who Mollye referred to as "Mother," made sure she had a relationship with her 8 siblings. She married the love of her life, William Thomas Tate Jr. on September 1, 1962 in Dallas, TX. Mollye is preceded in death by her parents, and siblings; Bobby, Joe, Nell, John, George, Wayne, Kenneth and James. She is survived by her husband of fifty-six (56) years, William Thomas Tate Jr (Tom), son William Thomas Tate III (Will), and wife Elaine Fannin Tate of Plano, Texas, son Terry Lynn Tate (Terry) and wife Jill Tate of Plano, Texas, grandchildren Rebekah Tate and William Thomas Tate IV (Billy) both of New York City, nephew James Edward Steward, Jr. of Denison, Texas, niece Anne Steward Linsteadt and husband Chris Chapman Linsteadt of Richardson, grandniece Allison Linsteadt Prince and husband First Lieutenant Cameron Cooper Prince of Killeen, Texas and grandnephew Luke Steward Linsteadt of Los Angeles. Funeral services will be held at 3pm on Saturday, January 5 at Wildwood Chapel at Restland Memorial Park located at 13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75243.



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