



Glade Eckert

February 26, 1929 - June 4, 2019

In Loving Memory of Glade S. Eckert...in her own words...and as only Glade could say it! Glade Siouris Eckert, 90, passed away peacefully into the loving arms of Jesus on June 4, 2019. She was born to Michael Andrew and Alice Triplas Siouris on February 26, 1929 in Magna, Utah. Later her family moved to Salt Lake City where Glade continued to live and to work as a young adult. Glade began her career at the Federal Reserve Bank where she worked as a proof operator. She was promoted quickly and soon bought her first car, a yellow Chevy convertible. It was during this time that Glade met 1st Lieutenant, Charles E. Eckert. An Air Force officer, Charles soon proposed saying "Marry me and I'll show you the world." Indeed, their life together was an international voyage. Soon after marrying, Charles received orders to head overseas. They spent their first four years together in Tripoli, Libya overlooking the blue waters of the Mediterranean Sea and the sands of the Sahara Desert. Glade was active in the Officer's Wives group. She wrote articles for the newsletter, did some modeling in fashion shows and was on the welcoming committee. They rode camels and visited ancient cities. She shopped for rugs and gifts in the "Old City" and her first son, Charles Jr., made his appearance there! Charles then received orders to go to Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland. It was a great location where they could spend time in the art galleries, take tours, and attend theater productions. While in Maryland, Glade welcomed her second son, Michael Eric, who was born at the US Naval Academy. The next overseas assignment took them to the "Riviera of the Far East," the island of Kyushu in Japan. Here she was introduced to the treasures of Japanese antiques. These fascinated her. This location also afforded her the opportunity to take a short flight to Hong Kong each year to go shopping. While in Japan, she learned the art of Ikebana, flower arranging, which became her favorite pastime. Her third son, Theodore Alexander, was born at Yokota Air Force Base. Glade enjoyed touring Southeast Asia, purchasing rugs, furniture, and objects d'art. She had a natural flair for interior design and had a collection of oriental antiques and treasures from all over the world. She always said, "You really don't know a country and its people until you have lived there..." Her home was full of creativity, talent, and impeccable taste. During over twenty years in the Air Force, Charles and Glade moved seven times. With each new assignment, Glade developed a circle of friends, finding new friends and staying in touch with past friends.

She cherished her lifelong relationships with them, and in the end, outlived all of them. She missed them and fondly remembered them, and they would have done the same. After Charles retired from the Air Force, and right up to the end of her life, Glade remained active in the Dallas Chapter of the Military Officer's Association of America and the Republican Party of Texas. Glade was known for her elegance and dignified beauty and had a flair for style. She was a gracious hostess with a generous nature and had a gift for relating to people from all backgrounds. Glade loved to entertain, and enjoyed music, the performing arts, the symphony and opera. She was a study in contrasts as she not only loved the classics, but also was a great fan of football, baseball and NASCAR. She lived an exciting life with style and elegant grace. She was beautiful and charming and a loving mother to her sons and grandchildren. Her most treasured memories in life, and greatest source of pride, were her sons and grandchildren. Glade leaves behind a rich tapestry of a life well-lived and a legacy of generosity, patriotism, love and faith. Left to cherish her precious memory are her husband of 64 years Charles, her children and their families: Ched and Christina Eckert of Scottsdale, Arizona and their children, Alex, Paris, and Cloë; Mike and Serena Eckert of Denton, TX and their children Maxx and Eric; and Ted and Debbie Eckert of Plano, TX. She also leaves her brother, Theodore Siouris and his wife Aida of New York, NY; her sister, Michele Siouris of San Francisco, California; and her nieces Margo Bonnette and Bobbi Woody of Salt Lake City, Utah. Glade was preceded in death by her sister, Beulah Simmons of Salt Lake City, Utah. Funeral service will be held this coming Monday, June 10, 2019 at 10:30 AM at Christ Church of Plano, 4550 Legacy Drive, Plano, 75024, (972) 618-0222, followed at 1:00 PM by the burial ceremony at Dallas-Fort Worth National Military Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas, 75211, (214) 467-3374. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Glade's name to the Mayo Clinic Cancer Research in Dallas or Christ Church, Plano.