



Mary Evangelon "Vangie" Leidgen

February 21, 1931 - June 13, 2022

Mary Evangelon "Vangie" Leidgen, age 91, departed from this earthly life and entered into eternal rest on Monday, June 13th, 2022 at St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper, Indiana.

Vangie was born on February 21st, 1931, the only child of the late Elgin James and Mary Stafford Blaine. She was raised in beauty and grace on the Gulf Coast in Sarasota, Florida. She attended Sarasota High where she excelled at athletics including basketball, volleyball, and cheerleading. Sociable and charming, she competed in local beauty pageants and was featured as a fashion model in local print ads. Upon graduating in 1949, Vangie went on to attend the University of Florida. It was here that she noticed a handsome man at a party and, admiring his dance moves, asked him to dance. And so David J. Leidgen and Mary Evangelon Blaine were wed on November 24th, 1951. They remained devoted to one another through life's ups and downs until his death in 1999.

Vangie took immense pride in her life's work as the matriarch to her family and the mother to her six sons. She was their touchstone, their rock, their lifelong provider, their protector, their council, their friend, and their biggest cheerleader. Resilient and wielding a quick-witted sense of humor with a beautiful laugh, she brought up her boys in love and loyalty. As a faithful and spiritual woman, her fellowship at Harvey Browne Presbyterian led her family

to Christ, deepening their faith and encouraging their walk with the Lord.

Vangie enjoyed spending quality time with friends and family, playing tennis, swimming and boating, drawing, playing bridge, reading, listening to music, and dancing. With exquisite taste and a love for the finer things in life, she was always impeccably dressed and wearing the latest fashions. She was a member of Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, KY.

Left to cherish her memory are her four beloved sons: Jay Leidgen of Jasper, IN; Jim (Theresa) Leidgen of Salem, IN; Nick (Jamie) Leidgen of Jasper, IN; and Jeff Leidgen of Bay Point, CA; as well as 14 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Those who have survived her rejoice in the knowledge that she is reunited with 2 of her beloved sons who preceded her in death: Robert Blaine and Kurt Edward Leidgen.

A celebration of life for Vangie will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to Southeast Christian Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Evangelon "Vangie" Leidgen*

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