



Gretta Driver Kelly

January 18, 1923 - January 18, 2013

Gretta Driver Kelly of Bloomington passed at her residence on January 18th 2013, her 90th birthday.

She was born in Essex England on January 18, 1923 and grew up in San Diego, California with her sister Norma Diane. Gretta met her beloved husband Robert G. Kelly at San Diego State University after he returned from World War II. They spent the majority of their 62-year marriage in Bloomington where Robert was a professor of English. This gracious woman was tirelessly loving, intelligent, strong and beautiful.

She was an amazing mother and grandmother, providing unconditional love to five children (Tamsin Lisa, Brigit Pegeen, Regan Diana, Dion Glynn and Caitlin), seven grandchildren, and four great granddaughters. She lived and died in the wonderful home she and her husband designed themselves. It became a sanctuary for the amazing extended family they created and home to many happy holidays. She was a fantastic cook, and a spectacular gardener. Gretta also earned a Masters degree from IU, a private pilot's license and a real estate broker's license. She loved travel and their third daughter, Regan, was born while they were living in Istanbul in 1955. Two of her daughters made their homes in Bloomington so Gretta had loving family around her through all her days.

She was preceded in death by her parents Lily and Norman Driver, her husband Robert, and her sister Diane.

Her caregivers gave her exceptional care and friendship – primarily Carmila Delos Santos who brought much pleasure and happiness to Gretta's last three and a half years.

There will be no public service; the family will grieve privately.

Tribute Wall

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“ To the family, especially my friend Regan,
My thoughts are with you upon the passing of your Mom. What a
treasure your mother must have been to have such excellent and
interesting children.

May peace be with you,
Jean Cunningham

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“ Wendy Sparks lit a candle in memory of
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bob and gretta were are neighbors we lived in the old spoonmore
place. very nice people to talk to

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