



Maurine M. Persson

January 29, 2009

Send a Condolence Maurine M. Persson, age 92, a resident of Berkeley Square Retirement Community, died Thursday, January 29, 2009 at her residence. She was born in Bradner, Ohio, on January 31, 1916, the daughter of Elam W. and Arvilla (Tillotson) Maurer. She graduated from Findlay, Ohio, High School in 1932, received a two year teaching certificate from Miami University (Ohio) in 1934, and received a B.S. in elementary education from Miami University in 1939. After college she was an elementary school teacher in Findlay and Middletown, Ohio. She married E. Hjalmar Persson on August 10, 1940, in Findlay, Ohio, and he preceded her in death on August 23, 2000. Maurine devoted herself to Hjalmar during their sixty years of marriage. Her community work included membership in the City Wide PTA, YWCA Camp Committee, Butler County Bar Auxiliary, Salvation Army Unit I, Exchangettes, and PEO Chapter CL. Maurine was also a lifelong member of the Methodist Church, taught Sunday School in the Junior Department at the Ninth Street United Methodist Church and later, as a member of the Park Avenue Methodist Church, she joined Circle I, Friendly Drivers, and served on the Board of Trustees at Park Avenue United Methodist Church. Most recently she was a member of First United Methodist Church and their Wesleyan Circle. Maurine was a lifelong "walker," an enthusiastic golfer and a member of Elks Ladies Golf League, and an avid sports fan, following the Reds, Bengals, Broncos, University of Kentucky, UC, Miami, and professional golf. She had many happy times talking sports with her grandchildren. She also

enjoyed travel and, in particular, numerous family vacations to Colorado and South Carolina over the years. Her family was her greatest source of pride and enjoyment; in particular, her six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Maurine's loving, generous spirit was not limited to family, she committed herself to living each day to do good deeds for others. Often this meant taking care packages of food or other small thoughtful gifts to friends, neighbors, and those in need. She was considered by those that knew her to be a "lady" in the truest sense of the word, and her kindness and generosity touched the lives of friends, family, and strangers alike. She is survived by two daughters, Sigrid Sharp and husband Thomas of Centennial, Colorado, and Karen Whalen and her husband Jack of Hamilton, Ohio; six grandchildren, Erik T. Sharp and wife Kim of Highland Ranch, Colorado, Wendy Compton and husband Curt of Denver Colorado, Grady T. Sharp and wife Dena of San Francisco, California, Jon P. Whalen and his wife Allison of Hamilton, Ohio, Jared M. Whalen of Cincinnati, Ohio, and James H. Whalen of Chicago, Illinois; six great-grandchildren, Kailee and Kelsey Sharp, Ashley and Cate Compton, and Jack and Anne Whalen; sister-in-law Julia Maurer, and a niece, Julie, both of Ann Arbor, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and a brother, Dr. Maurer Maurer. Private services will be held at the convenience of the family. The family wishes to extend their thanks to Dr. Krall and Linda, as well as the Berkeley Square staff for their kindness and loving care. Memorials may be directed to the Hamilton Community Foundation, 319 N. Third Street, Hamilton, Ohio, 45011. Weigel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.