



Mary Lou Valin

April 17, 1934 - April 17, 2008

Mary Lou Valin, age 74 of Nashville died Thursday, April 17, after a battle with cancer. She was born an only child on a small farm in St. Mary's, PA. She was her high school valedictorian, attended Penn State and upon graduation in 1955 became among the first woman auditors at a Big 8 accounting firm. After marriage, she and her husband moved to Birmingham, AL, where she left her career to raise five children. After raising her family, she returned to her career at age 52, eventually becoming the chief accountant at Mitsui, a Japanese multi-national, in Atlanta. There, she developed a love of Japanese culture and artifacts that she continued into her retirement. Her retirement years were spent in Nashville playing bridge with the Vanderbilt Bridge Club and traveling to see her children and grandchildren. She loved puzzles of all kinds, jigsaw, crosswords, etc. and loved tackling the jumble puzzle in the daily paper. She is survived by son, John (Laura) Valin, II of Birmingham, AL; daughters, Vicky (Mark) Walton of Philadelphia, PA, Debbie (Walt) Howell of Birmingham, AL, Vanessa (John) Rolfe of Nashville and Valerie Valin and Norman Bodewig of St. Petersburg Beach, FL; grandchildren, Kelly Ervin, Ryan Howell, Katie Valin, Sarah Valin, Becca Rolfe, Jessie Howell and Jenna Rolfe. The family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association. Austin & Bell Funeral Home is in charge of these arrangements.

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