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Phyllis (Verplank) Insull

Phyllis (Verplank) Insull died April 16, 2016, in Houston.

She was born and raised in Zeeland. The eldest daughter of Joseph and Jessamine (Cross) Verplank, she lived life with conviction and curiosity. She was married to the love of her life, Dr. William Insull, Jr., for 61 incredible years.

Phyllis and Bill lived a life of adventure as they moved around the world, living in London, Stockholm, Tokyo, New York City, Cleveland, Philadelphia and since 1978, in Houston. They enjoyed traveling, but every summer they traveled to the family cottage at Macatawa.

Phyllis graduated from Michigan State University in 1949. After teaching high school, she worked as a social worker for The American Red Cross, in real estate as a community organizer, and for over 30 years in the couture department of Saks Fifth Avenue where she made dear friends among colleagues and clients.

Finding her joy in making others happy, Phyllis loved to cook, gathering family and friends around her table. She cherished traditions and family heirlooms. Phyllis passed on to her four children the importance of history and making history

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Joy Walsh, and her son-in-law, Andrew Rebori.

She will be remembered by her beloved husband, Bill and their children, Lisa Rebori, Brita Talk and her husband Charles, Bettina Sullivan, and William III and his wife Christi; her grandchildren, Stephen and Jordan Rossi, William and Patrick Insull, and Jessamine Sullivan;

her sister, Linda and Vernon Gebben of Holland, and brother, Joel and Susan Verplank of Florence, AL; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Phyllis' rich life on Saturday, June 11, at 2 p.m. The celebration will be held in The Tulip Room at The Warm Friend. Donations in Phyllis' memory may be made to the American Cancer Society or a charity of your choice.