



Marie Louise Forkner

July 24, 1922 - May 18, 2020

Marie Louise Nyenhuis Forkner, 97, of Denton, TX, passed away Monday, May 18, 2020 in Denton, TX. Marie was born July 24, 1922 to Arnold Nyenhuis and Anna Delacart in Vilvoorde, Belgium.

Louise survived the German occupation of Belgium during WWII. She immigrated to the United States through the Port of Galveston in 1948 with her daughter, Anna Marie, and settled in Gainesville, TX. They later moved to Dallas, where she became a seamstress and alterations specialist for Lou Lattimore of Dallas, where she was known for her fashion sense and style. She altered and fitted ball gowns, wedding dresses and other apparel for the rich and famous of Dallas. In 1974, she married Roy Allen Forkner, the “Cotton King of the Southwest” who grew and ginned cotton, and moved to his hometown of Lubbock, TX. She and Roy traveled the world, representing the Texas cotton industry. While in Lubbock, she struck up a friendship with Teddy Seacrest, a West Texas oil heiress and philanthropist. She and Teddy traveled extensively together, including a trip on the Concorde for a European Opera Tour. She moved to Denton, TX in the mid-1990’s to be close to her daughter and grandsons. Louise had a long adventurous life as an eyewitness to many historical world events, filled with the love of family and friends. She is survived by her daughter, Anna Marie Taylor; three grandsons, David Snowden and wife Kayla, Mike Snowden and wife Catherine, and Pat Taylor and wife Lisa; five great-grandchildren, Jeffrey Snowden, Jason Snowden, Jessica Snowden, Erin Snowden and Tyler Taylor; and sister, Annie.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband, Roy; parents, Arnold and Anna; son-in-law, Paul Taylor; and sisters, Natie and Threse.

A graveside service will be held at 3:00PM, Friday, May 29, 2020 at Belew Cemetery in Aubrey, TX. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

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Tribute Wall

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“ Anna, Pat - I am saddened to hear about your mom/grandmother. She was a sweet and wonderful lady and as I read, had a wonderful life. Her family meant the world to her.

Judy Higgs - June 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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Catherine Snowden,

Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico

Catherine Snowden - May 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM