



Martha Glass Busse

December 9, 1927 - December 16, 2024

Martha Glass Busse joyously entered Heaven for a reunion with her beloved husband, the late Robert A. Busse, seven days after her 97th birthday. They were long-time residents of Glendale and Webster Groves.

She was the daughter of the late Leslie and Grace Glass and grew up in South St. Louis, attending Woerner School, Cleveland High School and Washington University, where she majored in fashion design and was a proud member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She was preceded in death by sister Betty (Gates) and brother Robert, MD.

Her skills as a fashion designer and seamstress were amazing, but her greatest achievements were as mother to Barbara (Voss) of Columbia, Mo; David of California and Montana; and Daniel, of Wildwood, Missouri. In later life she was “Nonnie”—grandmother and great grandmother as well as “Aunt Marty” to nieces and nephews scattered across the country.

Martha was also a terrific bridge player, ice skater, hockey mom, confidante, gardener, avid reader of books, magazines and daily newspapers and never afraid to aggressively chase bargains at department stores, estate sales and anyplace offering double Eagle stamps. She sailed on the Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth, and tramp steamers in the Caribbean; with Bob, crossed oceans in 707s and 747s, taught herself German, rafted the Colorado River

through the Grand Canyon with her family, watched polar bears migrate in the Arctic, elephants and giraffes in Kenya, kangaroos in Australia and, until her eyesight failed, could identify year, make and model of most classic cars. And she never failed to offer opinion when her sons needed haircuts.

Her family will be forever grateful to her caretakers —Lorena and Ainye McCrary, and Kasmira Coleman—who have all become family to her—and to us—in her last days. Marty will be missed by all who knew her.

Visitation with a brief service will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 28, 2024 at Chapel Hill Mortuary, 10301 Big Bend Road, Kirkwood, Missouri. Interment immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the St. Louis Zoo Friends, <https://stlzoo.org/give/tribute-fund>.

Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at www.stlfuneral.com and follow details of this event and others in the community at www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Kirkwood

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Previous Events

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Tribute Wall

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“ I have known Marty for 75 years when we met in college as Kappas. I have never met a finer person. I always admired her friendship with all, her enthusiasm, her talent in art and all she attempted. A great leader for the Kappas. We enjoyed many lunches together as alums. My condolences to her daughter. She loved a long and fruitful life. Jeanne Schleiffarth

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“ My deepest condolences for Mrs. Busse's passing. Nothing but fond memories of her and Mr. Busse. She always lit up the room and had kind words for everyone...well, one possible exception may have been a neighbor in Glendale who wouldnt share his toys! The Hawbrook and Park Avenue neighbors were great, fun people and the Busse's were at the heart of it. She was special and will be missed.

Tom Ulmer

Tom Ulmer - December 29, 2024 at 07:17 PM