



## Mary J. Hamilton

February 15, 1927 - February 21, 2016

Mary J. (Parker) Hamilton, 89, passed away Sunday, Feb. 21, 2016 peacefully at her home in Vernon Hills, IL. She was born in the Englewood neighborhood of Chicago on Feb. 15, 1927. She met her husband Rev. Dr. Ralph S. Hamilton at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, where he was a minister after World War II. They also served the congregations of First Presbyterian Church in Kearney, NE and Dundee Presbyterian Church in Omaha. Mary was an artist; received a scholarship to attend the Art Institute of Chicago; and attended Northwestern University. She was: a Mayflower descendent of John Howland (1620); a descendent of the Benton Family, one of the first families of Connecticut (1634); the Putnam Family of Salem, MA (1630s); the Hedrick Family of Ottumwa, IA; and was a Daughter of the American Revolution. Mary's passion for art led her to open the highly regarded Sheepy Shop, a hand knitting shop in White Bear Lake, MN and Manitowoc, WI. She is survived by her four children: Douglas (Anna) Hamilton of Northfield, MN; Katherine Hamilton-Smith of Libertyville; Janet Hamilton of Vernon Hills; Colleen Hamilton (Glenn Gendzel) of San Jose, CA; and nine grandchildren; Alec, Eva, Andy, Dan, Katherine, Jackson, Benton, Joelle, and Louis. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph, in 2004. Services were private for the family; interment at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Cemetery in Union Grove, WI. Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home. For Info: (847) 362-3009, or please sign the guestbook at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com). Memorial gifts may be made to the School of the Art

Institute of Chicago Scholarship Program, or to a children's literacy charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember what a beautiful family the Hamiltons had....not only inwardly but out. Ralph was especially easy to talk with and one of the best ever to serve Dundee Pres. Church. He and his wife and family were a wonderful part of our neighborhood. Just yesterday as I drove up North 52nd Street past your old home and wondered about all. May God comfort you during this Holiest celebration of the Risen Lord.

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