



## Edna Mary Foster Cadigan

June 7, 1910 - February 28, 2008

Edna M. Cadigan, known to family and friends as "Lamby," died peacefully in her sleep on February 29, 2008, at the Pickersgill Retirement Community. She was 97 years old and had been in Assisted Living for the past two years.

Mrs. Cadigan was born and raised in Baltimore. In 1929, she married Timothy J. Cadigan. They lived in the Govans area. She was widowed in 1943 after 14 years of marriage when her husband died at age 38 of rheumatic heart disease. At that time, their two sons, Richard and Robert, were 13 and 8 years old.

Mrs. Cadigan began writing scripts for radio shows, several of which were accepted and heard nationwide on the "Kate Smith Show." To prepare for the job market, she practiced the shorthand skills she had learned in business school by listening to talk shows on the radio and taking dictation.

When the State of Maryland created the Retail Sales Tax Division in the 1940's, Mrs. Cadigan was hired as one of its first secretaries. She eventually became secretary to the head of the division. Several years later, she was promoted to the State Comptroller's Office and served as Executive Secretary to Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein in his Baltimore office for twelve years. In addition to her secretarial duties, Mrs. Cadigan wrote many of Mr. Goldstein's speeches and often represented him at various political functions.

She was able to provide an education for her two sons, both of whom graduated from Loyola High School, Loyola College, and the University of Maryland School of Law. Richard F. Cadigan practiced law in Towson, after serving in the Air Force during the Korean War, and pre-

deceased his mother in 2001 at age 71. After practicing law for 32 years, Robert was appointed a Circuit Court Judge in Baltimore County in 1994 and is now retired. Judge Cadigan said, "Our mother was a wonderful and courageous person who never mentioned or complained about all the sacrifices she made or hardships she endured. She was loved and will be greatly missed by our entire family." He added, "Mother loved working for Mr. Goldstein. Although she wasn't responsible for his trademark line - 'God bless you all real good' - we have no doubt that God will indeed bless her real good." Mrs. Cadigan retired in 1974 after 34 years of service to the State of Maryland. She lived in the Rodgers Forge Apartments and worked as a volunteer at GBMC Hospital for several years. Known for her independence, good humor and creativity, Mrs. Cadigan rediscovered an artistic talent in her 70's. Her pastel drawings were exhibited at her own art show at Pickersgill, when she moved to independent living there. In addition to her son and daughter-in-law, Dorothy, Mrs. Cadigan is survived by 8 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

#### Funeral Arrangements

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated by her grandson, Rev. Timothy J. Cadigan II, S.J., at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Smith Avenue in Mount Washington on Monday, March 24, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. There will be no viewing prior to the service.

#### Interment Arrangements

Burial will follow at the New Cathedral Cemetery.