



## Mrs. Laura McDonald Perry

September 8, 1922 - May 7, 2018

Perry, Laura McDonald, age 95. Beloved wife for 45 years of the late Norman Alexander Perry Jr. Cherished mother of Andrea M. Perry of Baltimore, Christopher J. Perry (Nida Sujirapenyokul) of Columbus, OH, Claudia M. Perry (Richard Choi) of McLean ,VA, and Martha M. Perry (Gilbert Gigliotti) of New Britain, CT. Loving grandmother of Marie-Therese, Eleanor, Cecilia, Matthew, Celeste, and great granddaughter Hailey. Dear sister of the late Juliette McDonald Dalton, and of Rita McDonald Rose, and dear aunt to many nieces and nephews. Laura was born in Boston, MA, in 1922, the cherished third daughter of Armoza Savoie McDonald and Joseph Philippe McDonald. She spent her childhood and early adult years in Boston, and attended Boston College, earning her BA in social science and a Master's of Social Work at that institution. She met Norman Perry in their BC's graduate program, and they relocated to Cleveland, OH, his hometown, where they married, and where she served as a social worker at a home for young women before starting a family. The family moved to Detroit, MI, for four years before returning to Cleveland for some 24 years. With her children in college and high school, Laura returned to social work with Catholic Charities of Cleveland, again in a program serving young women. Upon Norman's death, Laura moved to Baltimore MD to live near two of her daughters and grandchildren. She resided in Towson, MD, and served for 18 years, until her death, as the lead librarian for the Catholic Evidence League's library housed at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. An active parishioner and deeply devote

Catholic, Laura belonged to the Cathedral's Scripture Study group since its inception, volunteered regularly to lead the praying of the Rosary, and participated in the local chapter of the Christ Child Society. Laura was a life-long advocate for literacy, education, and knowledge. She was a skilled bridge player and greatly valued the friendships she built in her bridge group. Laura led a fully independent, faith-based life throughout all of her adult years, providing an example, as a dear friend of hers recently noted, of the importance of "contributing and not being afraid." She will be dearly missed by all of her family and by her many friends.

All of Laura's children and grandchildren welcome Laura's Cathedral family and her friends to her Mass of Christian Burial, to be celebrated on Friday, May 11, at 12:30 PM in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. A family-only burial will follow the Mass. Laura's children are planning a memorial celebration in her honor and to thank her many friends, most likely on or near her birthday on September 8, the date designated in the Catholic tradition as that of the Blessed Mother, Mary.