

# **Nina Tomlinson Merten**

July 31, 1941 - July 11, 2016



**Nina Merten**, 74, of Howe, IN died Monday, July 11, 2016 at home surrounded by her family.

She was born July 31, 1941, and spent her childhood in Amarillo, Texas with her parents, Herschel and Ruth Tomlinson, and her brother Herschel (Tommy), all of whom preceded her in death.

She attended the University of Oklahoma where she met her husband of 55 years, Don Merten, who survives her.

She is also survived by her two sons, Mark of Chicago, and Tate of Collinsville, IL; her daughters-in-law, Diana, and Angie; her grandchildren, Benjamin, Kasey, Nikolas, Chelsea, Ronnie, Myke, and Anthony; and her great grandchild, Ava; beloved sister-in-law, Barbara Merten; and her nephew Herschel (Rusty) and two nieces, Terri Tomlinson Barker, and O'Neal.

Nina's professional career was spent in the banking and financial world, working mostly in Champaign, IL, and Muncie, IN. She retired from Summit Securities Group (Muncie) in 2011.

In addition, she was actively involved in various organizations, such as Altrusa International and the Girl Scouts. Nina enjoyed nature, gardening, traveling, her investment clubs, and being part of community events, but more than anything, she loved the everyday moments of spending time with family and friends.

A memorial celebration of Nina's life is being planned for Friday, August 5 from 1:00 to 4:00 at Pine Knob Park, LaGrange County ([lagrangecountyparks.org](http://lagrangecountyparks.org) for directions).

Memorial donations may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society ([lls.org](http://lls.org)).

To leave online condolences, please visit [www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com](http://www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are being entrusted to the Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, IN.

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