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Mary Elizabeth Ramsay

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Services for Mary Elizabeth Ramsay will be Wednesday, April 22, 2008 in St. Michael Catholic Church, Leesville, with Father Mechiles officiating. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Leesville. Mrs Ramsay died April 20, 2008 in Leesville.

Visitation for Mrs. Ramsay will be held Tuesday, April 21, 2008 in the Hixson chapel from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Mary Elizabeth Ramsay, daughter of the late James E. and Ellen K Holmes Roche, was born on May 16, 1927, in Brockton, Massachusetts. She grew up in the North Easton, Massachusetts, and is a graduate of the Chandler Secretarial College of Boston. During her last year of school she was a legal clerk to Jude Stone of the Cambridge Court, and upon graduation became legal secretary to Attorney Samuel P. Sears of the Brickley, Sears and Cole law firm in Boston.

After her marriage Mrs. Ramsay moved to Attleboro, Massachusetts where she continued in the legal field as secretary to a local attorney and judge. She changed positions to become personal secretary to C. Robert Yeager, President of the L. G. Balfour Company, manufacturing jewelers of class rings, fraternity pins, sports awards and other items. While working for Mr. Yeager, she had the opportunity to meet several influential individuals in academic, business and political fields. Mrs. Ramsay's husband was in the U. S. Army. When he received orders to Hq, US Army Europe (USAREUR), Heidelberg, Germany, Mrs. Ramsay resigned her position at the Balfour Company and accompanied her husband overseas. After some time sightseeing and traveling in Europe and assisting the Balfour European sales representative secure and order for class rings at the American high school in Heidelberg, she contacted the civilian personnel office and entered the ranks of the Federal Civil Service.

Mrs. Ramsay's civil service career, while traveling with her husband, covered of twntny years. She received neumerous outstanding awards and citations from both the U. S Army and U. S. Air Force for her work. Some of her positions included secretary for DCSLOG-G4 War Plans, Hq USAREUR; Secretary for SAGE commander, McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey; secretary for the DCSOPS-G3, Hq USAREUR Heidelberg; secretarial positons at Fort Polk, Louisiana; Fort Hood, Texas; secretary for MG William L. Webb, Deputy Commanding General, Fort Ord and Special Projects, Combat Development Command, Fort Ord, California.

Mrs. Ramsay, a former member of the Research Institute of America for Professional Secretaries, was a communicant of the St. Michael Catholic Church in Leesville, and a contributor to a great many military and charitable organizations.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Allan Ramsay, and her only sister, Mrs. Helen Louise Doherty.

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