



Betty Shaffer

Mrs. Shaffer was born May 2, 1944 in Natchez, MS, the daughter of W. S. Peck, Jr. and Juanita Steele Peck. She was very active in the community and business. She successfully served as bank President of Sicily Island State Bank for many years, following in the footsteps of her father and grandfather Peck. She was one of the first female bank presidents in Louisiana. Among other awards, she was most proud of being named "Master Farmer of the Year" in recognition of her successful stewardship of her family farm, Ferry Plantation. She was the third generation of her family to be named "Master Farmer of the Year". Betty's community involvement included serving as President of the Baton Rouge YWCO as well as being a member of the Natchez Garden Club, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the Confederacy, and many other organizations. Betty was also an active member of the Sicily Island United Methodist Church. She will be remembered for her quick wit, hospitality and love of life. Her passions were renovating the family home at Ferry Plantation, genealogy, and doting on granddaughter, Julia. She was an avid sportswoman who enjoyed deer hunting and camp life. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, W. S. Peck, III and her second husband, Buddy Ware. She is survived by her son, William Russell Shaffer and his wife, Michele Bull Shaffer; daughter: Juanita "Missy" Shaffer, all of Baton Rouge, LA; granddaughter: Julia Patience Shaffer; first husband, Jack Shaffer Pallbearers will be Keith Core, Tim Ford, Wes Guice, Don Mattox, Marc MCarty, Wade Thopson, Johnny Verzwylvelt, and Richard Young.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Steven Abramson, Roy Evans, Bill Faust, Billy Fletcher, Glenn Gremillion, Dr. Maurice Gremillion, Albert Krause, Joe Raymon Peace, and James Prevot, and all the members of Sandy Creek Hunting Club. The family extends their deepest appreciation to the medical team that cared for her in her final days, and a special love and thanks to her faithful friend and caretaker, Cleo Dunbar.