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Catherine Elisabeth Mayer Thompson Catherine (Cay) Elisabeth Mayer Thompson died peacefully in her home in Oberlin, Ohio on October 4, 2017 at the age of 97. Cay was born in Decatur, Illinois to Albion Leroy Mayer and Cora Mae Brunnemer Mayer. Growing up, Cay lived in Decatur and Moline, Illinois; Duluth, Minnesota; Topeka, Kansas; and Estes Park, Colorado. She maintained life-long friendships with people from each of those towns. Cay graduated from Oberlin College with a degree in Sociology in 1941. She had many stories of friends and adventures from the summers she lived at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado where her father was Camp Director. Cay loved to sail and spent many afternoons on Lake Erie while at Oberlin College and when working in Cleveland after her graduation. She worked in the Dean's office of Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio. She married Malcolm Caldwell Thompson in 1952. They lived together in New Carlisle, Ohio; Sidney, Ohio and St. Louis, Missouri, where Cay sang in the church choirs, was a Program Leader for Church Women United, an Elder in her church and was Moderator of the Southside Presbyterian Churches United. Additionally, she was active in the St. Louis City League of Women Voters with a stint as president, was instrumental in the success of Magnolia Meals on Wheels and active in Alzheimer support groups. Cay relocated to Kendal at Oberlin in 2003. Cay participated in new resident welcoming programs, Writers Bloc and Kendal at Oberlin Resident's Association (KORA) leadership. She was a member of Heritage Presbyterian Church and also worshipped with the Oberlin Friends Meeting at Kendal. Cay is survived by her sons Mark and Glen as well as their wives, Mary and Kathy and five grandchildren, Alison Harrell, married to Peter, Andy, Matt, Sarah and Becky and one great-grandson, Tyler Harrell. Cay was predeceased by her husband of 48 years, Malcolm Caldwell Thompson and by her brother Philip. A



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Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 21 at 2:00 p.m. in the Heiser Auditorium of Kendal at Oberlin. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the YMCA of the Rockies, PO Box 20800, Estes Park, CO 80511 or to Doctors Without Borders USA, P.O. Box 5030, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5030.
SERVICES Memorial Service Saturday, October 21, 2017 2:00 PM Kendal at Oberlin
600 Kendal Dr. Oberlin, OH 44074

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