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**Mary McBirney Ryerson BROWN** <sup>140</sup>


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Mary McBirney Ryerson Brown, 96, died July 10, 2016, at Zusman Hospice in Columbus, Ohio. Born in Chicago, Illinois to Joseph Turner Ryerson and Annie Lawrie McBirney Ryerson, she graduated from St. Timothy's School and attended the University of Chicago. Mary was a fiercely loyal friend and a beloved pillar of her family. She lived a generous and energetic life and donated her time at numerous community organizations, including the United Way and the first American hospice. She devoted countless hours to her church, first as the head of the altar guild at Trinity Episcopal in Southport, Connecticut, and later, at Bethesda-By-The-Sea in Palm Beach,

Florida. She is pre-deceased by her husband Donald Augustus Kirchoff Brown, and leaves behind her children, Mary Preston, Barbara Brown, Katherine Campbell, Diane (Didi) Loseth, and Donald (Sandy) Brown; her grandchildren, Chad Loseth, Michael Preston, Sierra Wilde, Evam Wilde, Anna Massey, and David Massey; and her great-grandchildren, Justin McCartt, Shelby Loseth, and Jordan Preston. Calling hours will be held on Sunday (July 17th) from 4:00PM to 6:00PM in the Lesko & Polke Funeral Home, 1209 Post Road in Fairfield, Connecticut. Her funeral service will be celebrated at 2:00PM on Monday (July 18th) at Trinity Episcopal, 651 Pequot Avenue, in Southport, Connecticut. Interment will follow in Oak Lawn Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to: Zusman Hospice in Columbus, Ohio; Connecticut Hospice, or Trinity Episcopal Church of Southport, Connecticut. To order flowers online, travel directions, or to sign her guest register, please visit [www.LeskoPolkeFuneralHome.com](http://www.LeskoPolkeFuneralHome.com)  
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