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## **Gene Hunt, 98, Former Darien Resident Who Ran Card Shops, Enjoyed Traveling**

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Gene Hunt passed away peacefully on Oct. 30. She was 98. Gene's strong Christian faith guided her life, and she is now home with her Lord and Savior.

She was born Lola Eugene Campbell on July 2, 1921, in Ryan, Oklahoma to Anson Burton Campbell and Beatrice Mae Bullock Campbell.

Gene graduated with a journalism degree from the University of Oklahoma, and it was while on assignment that she met the love of her life, Paul Hunt. Gene and Paul married on April 26, 1945, in her parents' home in Norman, Oklahoma.

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In 1952, Paul's career took them to Lancaster, Ohio; Lake Forest, Illinois; and Darien, Connecticut before they settled in Dallas in 1970. After Paul's retirement from the glass business, he and Gene opened Jill's Hallmark Shop, and together they ran two successful locations for over 10 years.

They enjoyed traveling, trips to Europe, flying on the Concorde, and sailing on the Queen Elizabeth 2. After selling their shops, Gene and Paul moved to a home overlooking Lake Cypress Springs.

— [This obituary](#) was published Sunday, Nov. 3 in the *Dallas Morning News*.

They briefly returned to Dallas before settling down in Sun City, Georgetown. After Paul passed away at age 96 in 2009, Gene returned to Dallas to be closer to her family.

The last four years of Gene's life were spent at Caruth Haven Court. She never failed to say what a wonderful place Caruth Haven was and how fortunate she was to live there. Gene's life was a living example of one of her favorite Bible verses, Psalm 9:1, "I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."

Three words to describe Gene are sweet, happy, and grateful. She approached life with pragmatism and optimism and appreciated every day. Gene loved to read, write, dance, and travel. Her greatest gift was her genuine kindness and compassion for others.

Gene is survived by her four children and their spouses: Jeff and Pam Hunt, Jennifer and Doug Rogers, Paula and Ron Thulin, and Barbara and Bud Paulissen; her seven grandchildren and spouses: Mark and Brooke Rogers, Lauren and Eric Haig, Katie Thulin, Joanna and Matt Marmaro, Stephanie Paulissen, Joe Paulissen, and Rob Paulissen; and her five great grandchildren: Luke Rogers, Hunt Rogers, Jimmy Haig, Jane Haig and Jack Marmaro.

After a private family burial, a memorial service will be held at 12:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 4, 2019 in the Wildwood Chapel at Restland Memorial Park.