

**ETHEL HYDE STRACK
THOMPSON**

Ethel Hyde Strack Thompson died peacefully on March 4, 2020 at her Waveland home. She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry Frederick Strack and Ethel Sincer Hyde, her brother, Henry "Hy" Strack Jr, and her husband of 70 years, Horace A. Thompson Jr. She is survived by their four children, Horace "Topper" Thompson III (Susan); Carolyn Abaunza (Donny); Bruce H. Thompson (Bébé); and Susan Louise Thompson. "Amie" is also survived by eight grandchildren, Charles "Clark" Thompson, Jeffrey Hyde Thompson, Donald "Richard" Abaunza, Jr., Megan Thompson Lovoi, Todd Carrere Thompson, Sheldon Thompson Schmidt, Eric "Jove" Graham and Eliot "Forest" Graham; eighteen great grandchildren and six nieces and nephews, Ann Hubbard Levy; Robert "Bob" Garland Hubbard III; Joan Hubbard Orlin; Sally Hubbard Erickson; David Elbert Hubbard; and Richard Dennis Hubbard. Ethel graduated



from McMinn High School in New Orleans and Newcomb College where she was a member of Chi Omega sorority. She married Horace in 1941. Newly married and pregnant with Topper, she followed Horace to Hawaii where he was stationed as a Marine. He was transferred to the Island of Midway before she was able to join him. She stayed in Hawaii through the bombing of Pearl Harbor, hoping to be reunited with Horace. Finally, 7 months pregnant, she returned to New Orleans. As a child, she played the piano competitively, and even won an upright as a young teen. She loved larkspurs' bunny faces, the purples of Louisiana irises, and the first narcissus in the spring. She and Horace enjoyed sailboat racing in the Lightning fleet at the Bay Waveland Yacht Club. They enjoyed

traveling and playing bridge with their many good friends. In her 60's, she made the front page of the Times Picayune when she chased down a man who grabbed her purse full of cash outside Piggly Wiggly on St. Charles Ave. Ethel was a life-long resident of New Orleans, and she and Horace spent nearly every weekend and summer "working" in their garden in Waveland. Their house and pool were open to everyone. It was a place of fun, relaxation, and freedom. She spent her last two happy years in Waveland with her daughter Susan. We were all blessed by the love of Janice Labat during that time in Waveland. We would like to thank her for making our mother's last years happier and more comfortable. A Memorial Mass will be held Friday, March 13, 2020 at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m. Burial at St. Mary's Cemetery in Bay St. Louis followed by a reception at the Bay Waveland Yacht Club in Bay St. Louis. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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