



Constance K. Rife

1923-1999

Known to her friends as Connie, Mrs. Rife began playing golf her freshman year in college while attending Purdue University. As she would tell the story, a rather dashing young college boy smitten by her outgoing personality and good looks who was interested in her introduced her to the game. Connie fell in love all right, with golf. Connie never thought of herself as being particularly good at anything until she was introduced to golf. She thought golf could be something she could be good at. Other than her family, Connie's passion was playing golf. She loved everything about the game, lessons it taught, friends she met, the beauty of being outside and of course the challenge of being good at something. As friends often said, Connie truly embodied the spirit of the game and took pride in being a golfer.

After college, Connie fell in love with a young man named Jules Austin whom she married and had four daughters with, the youngest of which were twins. After the sudden death of her husband she found herself a single mother left to raise their four children. Having been a stay-at-home mom the idea of finding a job was a bit overwhelming. With a little encouragement from friends and neighbors Connie went to work for Security National Bank where she would later retire from as an Assistant Vice-President. While working at the bank, Connie was courted by another avid golfer, Simon Rife. Later the two of them were married. They enjoyed playing golf together and with friends for many years and could regularly be seen at the Sunset Valley Country Club where they were members.

Everyone knew Connie, particularly when she was on the golf course; by the little green bag she loved carrying so much that had her name on it. It is in the spirit of Connie Rife, a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a businesswoman, a friend, and her love for the game of golf and the joy that it brought her and the lessons that it taught her that this scholarship bears her name.

