



Ida C. (Nierengarten) Patterson

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Patterson, Ida C. (nee Nierengarten) Born in St. Cloud, Minnesota, July 31, 1916, passed from this earth on February 7, 2006. She passed away peacefully at the home she had lived in for 50 years, surrounded by the love of her family and her many friends. A compassionate, generous, funny and fiercely independent woman, she deeply loved her family: daughters, Joan (Jim) O'Meara, Arlene (Gary) Wallin, Carol (Tom) Hansen; 7 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Ida was a spiritual sister of Sri Chinmoy, who gave her the name of Sukhukee; the name by which she was known and loved by many of Sri Chinmoy's disciples. Ida aspired for Truth, traveling several times to Sri Aurobindo's Ashram in Pondicherry, India, where she met and became a devoted disciple of the Mother. She established the first Sri Aurobindo Society in the United States in 1966, dedicated to "promoteunderstanding between all nations and individuals" and "that all life is a manifestation of one source." Ida worked for 40 years for Mother's vision of Auroville, city of dawn, intended as a model city and a "bridge between the past and the future." The Mother spoke of Auroville's mission as "a universal town where men and women of all countries are able to live in peace and progressive harmony above all creeds, all politics, and all nationalities." Ida especially cherished and worked for the construction of the Matrimandir, the physical and spiritual center of Auroville. She will always be remembered for her dedication and consecration to our Divine Mother. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to: Attn: Barbara Matrimandir Auroville 605101 Tamil Nadu, India checks made payable to: Auroville Fund-Matrimandir