Broadway Backer Dies; Native of Indianapolis

STAR STATE REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS — Private services are planned for Mrs. Natalie Brush Gates DeGendron, a founder of the Junior League of Indianapolis. She died Wednesday at her New York City home.

Mrs. DeGendron, an Indianapolis native, lived many years in New York.

A world traveler, she wrote one novel, "Hush, Hush, Johnson," a spy spoof.

She was interested in drama and financially backed some Broadway productions.

Her father was part owner of an early Indianapolis professional baseball team and later part owner of the Cincinnati Reds and New York Giants baseball teams.

Memorial contributions may be made to Nantucket (Mass.) Hospital.

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