



Beth M. Duncan

Beth M. Duncan of Willow Valley Retirement Community, Lancaster, formerly of West Chester and Devon, PA, and Essex Fells, NJ, passed away peacefully on Friday at The Glen at Willow Valley. She was 90.

Born in New York, NY, she was the daughter of the late Roger Maxwell and Sara Maxwell Conover and the wife of the late W.C. Duncan, to whom she was married for 49 years.

Beth graduated from Syracuse University in 1938 with a B.S. in Architecture, the first woman ever to do so, and practiced until WW II interfered.

She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church, Lancaster and had volunteered there for Friday lunches and suppers. She was active in resident affairs at Willow Valley and had volunteered at Bryn Mawr Hospital in suburban Philadelphia. Beth was devoted to her family and a passionate supporter of Syracuse as well as an avid reader, gardener, supporter of the environment and historical preservation, and a Scrabble fanatic.

She is survived by two daughters, Christine Hastings (Jack) of Newark, DE and Joan White of Chatham, NJ; a son, Jeffrey Duncan of Lititz, PA; five grandchildren, Kara, Erica (Archie), John, Duncan and Bowen; two great-grandchildren, Holly and David; and a brother, Roger Conover (Adi) of Mendham, NJ. In addition to her husband, a brother, John, and a sister, Jean, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. July 14th at St. James Episcopal Church, 119 N. Duke St., Lancaster.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to:

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036; or The Mathias J. Brunner Nursing Education Fund, Willow Valley Communities, 600 Willow Valley Square, Lancaster, PA 17602.

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