



Anne van der Werff

March 29, 1924 - February 15, 2007

van der Werff, Anne Gilmartin, 82, died peacefully on Thursday, February 15, 2007, in Lebanon, NH. She was the beloved wife of the late Dr. Jacob van der Werff. Anne was born March 29, 1924, in Fitchburg, MA, the eldest child of John and Hazel Gilmartin. She graduated from Fitchburg Teachers College and went to graduate school at McGill University in Montreal and Columbia University in New York City. She taught her favorite subject, English, in Scarsdale, NY and Amherst, MA. During her youth, she was an avid tennis player, a great golfer and an adventurous skier, having climbed and skied Tuckerman's Ravine several times. She married Dr. Jacob van der Werff in 1957 and raised her family in the west end of Hartford over the next 40 years. She loved historic architecture and oversaw the restoration of her gracious homes. Her love of English grew to a collection of thousands of first edition books, all of which she read. She traveled the world throughout her life and opened her home to countless foreign exchange students. She was kind and compassionate and touched the lives of so many with her non-judgmental optimism. She was a liberal democrat who worked tirelessly for her causes. She is survived by her sons Andreas L. van der Werff of Ocean City, MD, Jan P. van der Werff and his wife Susan of Bloomfield, CT, and Nicholas J. van der Werff and his wife Brenda of Wilmot, NH. She was predeceased by her daughter Maria Pirie. She also left her brother Stephen Gilmartin of Houston, TX. She was predeceased by her brother David Gilmartin. She leaves seven grandchildren, Jennifer Reese, William Montanolo, Ian van der

Werff, Rose van der Werff, Ethan Pirie, Graham Pirie and Jacob van der Werff. Her family invites you to celebrate her life in memorial celebration on Saturday, February 24, between 11 a.m. ? 1p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave, West Hartford. In lieu of flowers, Anne would prefer that memorial contributions be made to the Democratic presidential candidate of your choice.