



Sylvia Dunn

November 18, 1927 - October 31, 2015

Sylvia G. Dunn (age 87), beloved wife of J. Morton "Mort" Dunn, of West Hartford, died on October 31, 2015. She was born in Medford, MA the youngest child of Sydney T. and Dorothy (Silvius) Guild. She was predeceased by her two brothers, Sydney T. Guild Jr. of Weston, MA and David S. Guild of Melrose, MA.

A memorial service will be celebrated at The McAuley Retirement Home, 275 Steele Road, West Hartford on Saturday December 12th, at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial contributions be made in Sylvia's memory to the McAuley Residents Assistance Fund, 275 Steele Rd, West Hartford, CT 06117.

Sylvia was a graduate of Radcliffe College, Cambridge, MA, class of 1949. She met her husband, who was a student at Harvard, while taking classes together. She had lived in West Hartford, since her marriage to Mort in 1949.

In 1975 she received a certificate of Volunteer Management from the University of Connecticut. She was employed as Volunteer Director for several organizations, ending with 15 years employment as Director of Volunteer's at New Britain General Hospital, now The Hospital of Central Connecticut. During her time at the hospital she received State, Regional and National awards for her many innovative volunteer programs.

In her earlier years Sylvia was the founding president of the West Hartford All Seasons Garden Club, a Girl Scout leader, a Cub Scout den mother, and active in the Universalist Church of West Hartford, where she was a 50 plus year member, and awarded the Distinguished Service Award in 2007. She was a life member of the Harvard-Radcliffe Club of Northern Connecticut and of the New Britain General Hospital Auxiliary. She was a Corporator of New Britain General Hospital for many years. She was a member and past President of the College Club of Hartford. She was a life member of the Descendants of Whaling Masters, as she was the great granddaughter of Andrew Wing, a noted whaling captain, who sailed out of New Bedford, MA in the 1850's.

She was a direct descendant of Isaac Allerton, of Plimoth Colony, MA who came over on the Mayflower. She was also a direct descendant of Captain Aaron Guild, one of the earliest settlers in Norwood, MA., who on April 19, 1775, "left his plow in the furrow, oxen standing, and departing for Lexington, arrived in time to fire upon the retreating British." This inscription is on the Norwood town monument and his portrait appears on the Norwood town seal. Sylvia was a member of the Connecticut Mayflower Society and a 50 plus year member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a past Regent of Ruth Wyllys Chapter DAR of Hartford. She was named Outstanding Jr. DAR member for the State of Connecticut in 1962.

Besides her husband of over 66 years, she leaves three children: Dianne C. Dunn, of Louisville, KY; Jeffrey D. Dunn, and his wife Karen (Denuzze) Dunn of Boston, MA and their two children Christopher and Robert; and Andrew M. Dunn and his wife Betsy (Drew) Dunn of Avon, and their two children, John and Carolyn; and several nieces and nephews. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who cared deeply for her family and friends.

Tribute Wall

GS

“ Dear Mort, Diane, Jeffrey & Andrew,

I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember your mother as our kind and generous next door neighbor (even when I beheaded all her tulips as a child!) on Linbrook Rd - and as my mother's dear friend again during the last years of their lives. I am grateful that your Mom & Dad lived at McAuley when my Mom was there, and that they often dined together - neighbors again. I always enjoyed seeing both when I visited.

It is so hard to lose a lifelong companion and beloved mother. But when we lost Mim I found it comforting to remind myself how lucky we were to have our Moms as long as we did.

*Love to the Dunn family,
Gail*

Gail Schilke - December 10, 2015 at 05:23 PM

MB

“ On behalf of Girl Scouts of Connecticut, we offer our condolences for the passing of your loved one, who was a sister in Girl Scouting. Her dedication to girls was remarkable and respected by all. We offer you our sincerest thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

*Sincerely,
Mary Barneby, CEO*

Mary Barneby - November 04, 2015 at 03:28 PM

ME

“ I am very sorry to hear of the loss of, Mrs. Dunn. With her accomplishments, her love and joys, she was an amazing woman! I won't pretend to know what you're going through, but what has helped me deal with the loss of those I love, is turning to the Scriptures, something that has been a real source of comfort. One Scripture that gives me hope is, John 11:25, which says, " Jesus said to her: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." I hope that this verse will also comfort you and, I hope you and your family can get through this difficult time. Please accept my condolences for the loss of your beloved mother, grandma and friend. Sincerely, Meryl

Meryl - November 03, 2015 at 08:18 PM

JG

“ Dear Mr Dunn, Jeff, Karen, Christopher, Rob, Andy, Betsy, John & Carolyn
We are very sorry to hear of your loss. i always enjoyed my conversations with Mrs Dunn from our KO days and throughout our lives and she was so proud of her family. We are thinking of you during these difficult days. Sincerely, Norma & John Green

John & Norma Green - November 03, 2015 at 04:28 PM