



Madelon Frances (Mid) Umlauf

July 29, 2020

Madelon Frances (Mid) Umlauf of Allentown, PA. passed away peacefully at age 100 on July 29, 2020 under the loving care of Jackie Dorsett, family, and Hospice in Venice, FL.

Born in Ramsey, NJ, she was the daughter of Frank T. and Katharine M. Rufner. She was the wife of LCDR John C. Umlauf for 62 years. Attending Cornell University from 1937 to 1940, Madelon was a member of the Modern Dance Club, and the Alpha Phi Sorority. She then worked as a medical technician in New York Hospital - Cornell Medical Center in New York City for 7 years. Upon marriage and moving to Allentown, she raised her 3 daughters, was a charter member of the Cotillion Dance Club, and a member of the Allentown Women's Club. She founded a support group at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church for the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI), Lehigh Valley Chapter. She also served on the Muhlenberg College Women's Auxiliary Board of Directors.

(In 1920, the year Madelon was born, the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote, was passed; life expectancy was 54.1 years; the average yearly income was \$2,160.)

Mid lived every stage of her life with quiet faith, a strength of purpose and goodness, and by the Golden Rule, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

She loved her family dearly. Her home, which she had helped to design, was

beautiful and always welcoming. She and “Johnny” had many dear friends from all walks of life - the parties they enjoyed giving were such fun - full of music and dancing. Close to her heart were the women of her bridge club who met together for over fifty years.

In her elder years and to the end, Madelon showed remarkable courage and endurance, steady countenance, and good humor. She was never far from her lipstick, especially at 5 o'clock - cocktail hour - when she enjoyed her Manhattan.

We now say goodbye and Adieu to her now - wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend - such a very lovely woman who was so full of Grace. We cherish her legacy to us.

Survivors: Daughters: Judith R. wife of Michael Clements of Venice, FL, Susan R. wife of Thomas Everett of Canton, GA and Wendy R. Daniels of The Gardens of Easton, Easton, PA, Sister: Ruth Kessock of Barnegat, NJ, Grandchildren: Kristina wife of Andrew Cohen of Canton, GA and Lisa wife of Michael Sharpenberg of Woodstock, GA and Great-Grandchildren: Sadie, Megan and Bennett Cohen and Kinsley and Tyler Sharpenberg.

Services will be private. Arrangements by the J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home, Allentown.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to the National Alliance for Mental Illness, 802 W. Broad St. Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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J S Burkholder Funeral Home Inc - October 27, 2020 at 08:49 AM

JD

“ On our journey in life we are to learn, listen, love and understand how to enjoy life to the fullest. I have had the wonderful pleasure of learning this with such a amazing lady as Mid. She has touched my heart forever and gave me lessons in life. What a amazing person strong, pretty, fun, smart AND LOVING. Most of all she loved her family with all her heart. When you dance and enjoy life as she did you will live forever in our hearts. I pray Judy, Susie, and Wendy find comfort in her passing as my father used to say life will never be the same. Aunt Ruthie your in my prayers as her little sister at 98. Thank you Mid you found the way to go home. CHEERS!!!!

JACKIE DORSETT - August 11, 2020 at 09:01 AM

MR

“ This is a beautiful obituary for an elegant lady. I met her when I was 11 years old and always admired her grace and composure and that she was a college graduate, a working woman and a loving mother. She was an intelligent and charming role model for girls growing up in the 50s and also a model of growing old gracefully and with humor. Mid and Johnny were great neighbors and gave generously of their time to my parents when they needed a ride to the airport or a glass of wine! Mid was devoted to her family and received devoted care from her daughters and from her loving and highly skilled caregiver Jackie. An era has now passed.....and I send deepest condolences to Judy, Sue and Wendy as well as to Mid's lovely sister Ruth. With much love, Martha Donley Robb

Martha Robb - August 09, 2020 at 01:09 PM