



Lillian T. Growney

January 25, 1935 - November 25, 2015

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Lillian Growney, of Wayne, PA and formerly of Palm Coast, Florida, died on Thanksgiving Eve shortly after receiving a final blessing. Ms. Growney had been in hospice. She was 80.

Ms. Growney was born in New York City in 1933, the daughter of Patrick Joseph Growney, Esquire and Lillian Stoneman Growney and the little sister Patrick Martin Growney, MD. She grew up in Bergen County, NJ, just outside of the City, where her father was a senior partner at Shearman & Sterling. She attended parochial school in Bergenfield and later graduated from Bergenfield High School. She continued her education at Wells College in Aurora, NY, where she earned a B.A. degree in Government in 1957.

She relocated to Washington, D.C. the same year to pursue graduate-level course work in Government at Georgetown University. There, she settled in Arlington and also embarked on what became a long and satisfying career with General Electric. She began working at GE as products sales and marketing clerk and later served as an assistant security officer, managing credentials and clearances, often in concert with US Defense Department representatives, for employees and visitors having contact with sensitive military, industrial and government installations. Ms. Growney finished her tenure at GE in 1985 as a security officer in GE's patent operations, where she ensured compliance with Federal export regulations and restrictions on technology transfers to foreign governments, businesses and GE's non-domestic affiliates.

Ms. Growney served as operations manager of a home care durable medical equipment company in Palm Coast, FL, after moving there to care for her beloved mother.

In her personal life, she enjoyed travel, art and volunteer work. Her travels took her to Europe, India, China, Africa and Antarctica. Her volunteer activities included work with the Little Theater in Palm Coast, where she helped manage stage productions. She also loved to sing and was a long-time member of the Sweet Adelines. As a dear friend noted, she was a wonderful conversationalist and she always had a very informed opinion on any topic including politics, history, family and the world in general. She enjoyed card games,

including Mahjong.

In her later years, she retained her residence in Florida, where she had so many dear friends. But health challenges forced her to spend more and more time closer to her family in the Philadelphia suburbs, and she enjoyed being near her brother Patrick and his extended family. She was brave and courageous as her health declined, and remained positive and engaged in family activities despite the frustrations of limited mobility. She was a loving, generous and dear aunt to her nieces and nephews and their children to the very end and will be deeply missed.

Ms. Growney is survived by her nieces Patrice Growney (Mark) Aitken and Dorothy "Doss" (Peter) Masterson, her nephews Scott (McCall) Growney, Esq., Steven R. Growney, MD, and her grandnieces/nephews – Colton Growney, Chase Growney, Scottie Rose Growney, Chandler Aitken, Schuyler Aitken, Doxrud "Dox" Aitken, Reilly Masterson, Peter "Jack" Masterson and Peyton Masterson.

A private memorial service was held at St. David's Episcopal Church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.