



Alexandra Q. Aldridge

September 14, 1935 - January 23, 2025

Alexandra (Alexa) Q. Aldridge (née Quandt) of Haverford, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully at home on January 23, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. Born September 14, 1935, in Budapest, Hungary to Richard and Erszébet (Elizabeth) Quandt, Alexa fled Soviet Union-controlled Hungary in 1947 with her family and came to the United States in 1949. She graduated from The Madeira School in McLean, Virginia, in 1953, and from Bryn Mawr College in 1957 with a BA in English. She married Fred Aldridge (deceased) in 1957.

Alexa worked nearly her entire life, starting in college when she took advantage of every school holiday to find jobs and earn spending money. Upon graduation from college, Alexa's first job was as an Account Executive at N.W. Ayer & Sons advertising agency where her main clients were De Beers and Caterpillar Tractor. She then taught English at the Phelps School in Malvern where she became the Department Chair. After the birth of her second child, Alexa took time off from paid employment, but she was never idle. She was appointed to the Governor's Justice Commission Southeast Regional Planning Council; served on the Council's Planning Committee and as an oral examiner for Criminal Justice Systems Planners. She was also President of the Board of Cluster House, a Halfway house for formerly incarcerated individuals. In 1977, she found her true professional calling in resource development when she was hired to be the Director of Development

for Bryn Mawr College and eventually became Secretary of the College. In 1991, she was hired as the Vice President for Development for the Philadelphia Museum of Art and became the Executive Director of Development and the 2001 Campaign for the Museum in 1998. She retired from the Museum in 2001.

Through the years, Alexa worked with and served on the Boards of many other organizations, including the Relâche Ensemble, The Corvina Foundation, Elder Hostel, and as a consultant for the Philadelphia Theatre Company's capital campaign. She also remained active with Bryn Mawr College, serving on its Friends of the Library Committee and with the Philadelphia Museum of Art serving on the Alexandra Q. Aldridge Book Fund Committee, which was started in her honor upon retirement, and the Chairman's Council Advisory Committee.

Alexa was engaging and engaged, and never one to be left behind. She was an avid tennis player, gourmet cook, scuba diver, bridge player and active member of the investment club at The Acorn Club, and she learned to fish, hunt and camp with her late husband. She also loved to travel and was fortunate to reach many parts of the globe. Personally and professionally, Alexa supported and guided countless individuals who viewed her as friend, mentor, or honorary aunt or mother. She was admired for the boundless courage with which she faced many life challenges, and her energy and vitality were inspirational.

Alexa is survived by her brother, Dick Quandt of Princeton, New Jersey; daughter Mindy Aldridge of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, her husband Steve King and her daughter Katharine Mancini; and son Richard Aldridge of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, his wife Kris and their children Hank, Eliza, Bo and Evie.

Alexa's burial will be private. A memorial service will be held at Episcopal

Church of The Redeemer, 230 Pennswood Rd, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania on Saturday, February 15th at 1:00 p.m. The service will be livestreamed at www.theredeemer.org

In lieu of Flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Alexandra Q. Aldridge Book Fund at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Attn: Gift Processor, P.O. Box 7646, Philadelphia PA 19101-7646 or to the Friends of the Library at Bryn Mawr College, 101 N. Merion Ave, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **15**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Church of The Redeemer
230 Pennswood Road
Bryn Mawr, PA

Tribute Wall



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