



## Barbara "Bobbie" H. Eckman

October 26, 1921 - September 21, 2014

Barbara Harding (Bobbie) Eckman, 92, of Brookhaven, (formerly of Bryn Mawr) passed away on Sept. 21, 2014 at Paoli Hospital.

Barbara was the loving mother of Alison Eckman Bieser of Houston, Texas, and Stephen Keyler Eckman of Swampscott, Mass., grandmother of Benjamin Eckman Bieser and Peter Wray Eckman and mother-in-law of John Oren Bieser and Margaret MacKay Eckman.

Barbara was born in East Orange, N.J, on October 26, 1921. She graduated from Miss Beard's School and from Southern Seminary Junior College, now Southern Virginia University. A 50-year Bryn Mawr resident, she had many friends and interests and was actively involved in a number of civic, arts-related and charitable organizations as a member, leader or volunteer.

She was a member of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, the Junior League of Philadelphia, the Daughters of the American Revolution and Historic New England, among other organizations. She served as president of the Pennsylvania Society of New England Women, as committee chair on the Board of Women Visitors of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center, on the board of historic Strawberry Mansion and as a volunteer at Harriton House in Bryn Mawr.

Bobbie was a member of the Merion Cricket Club for many years, where she played on the senior tennis league.

She was married to John Whiley Eckman; they divorced in 1975.

The family wishes to thank Nancy Shilcock and Gloria and George Maina, who provided extraordinary care for Barbara during the past 11 years.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 18, at the chapel of Bryn

Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr, Pa., 19010. The Reverend Agnes Norfleet will officiate.

Immediately following, all are invited to greet the family during a reception at the church.

A private interment service for the family will be held before the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate that contributions in Barbara's memory be made to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, or to the charity of one's choice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church  
625 Montgomery Avenue  
Bryn Mawr, PA

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ *My dearest Aunt Bobbie, How I shall miss you ! All the laughs we had, the super fine visits at your home in Bryn Mawr, our discussions about tennis, a place to lay my head at the Castle after a debutante party I attended way back when, your phenomenal support when Mom passed away and riding with me in the limo to the cemetery, Mom's best friend and my most loving god-mother. How lucky I was to have had you as my god-mom. You are the best person that I have ever known and will ever know. God bless you as I know he will. I love you, Lorri*

*Dear Alison and Steven,*

*I hope you know how much I loved your Mom and what a dynamic god-mother she was to me. I will miss her terribly. She was without doubt the absolute best ! Alison, Your mom and I had such a lovely time together at your beautiful wedding in New Orleans, ans Steven, Your mom suggested I visit you at Princeton, and I did. The look on your face when I introduced myself was priceless. I could tell you were wondering, "Who IS this person?". You are both in my thoughts and prayers. I want to thank you for sharing your lovely mom with me and inviting me into your lives.*

*Wth my deepest sympathy and love, Lorri*

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**Lorri Besch** - October 07, 2014 at 12:13 PM

ME

“ *I am blessed to have had her as my mother-in-law. She was always loving and supportive. I treasure the days we spent together each week when my son Peter was a baby; the three of us always had a wonderful time, and I would so look forward to it.*

*It was such a gift to learn to know and love her over the years, and to know that that love was returned. I will miss you, Bobbie!*

*Much love,*

*Margaret*

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**Margaret Eckman** - October 06, 2014 at 08:35 PM

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“ *Please share a story about Bobbie here, or leave a message for the family.*

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**Steve Eckman** - October 04, 2014 at 02:06 PM

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**Alison Bieser** - September 27, 2014 at 01:29 PM