



## Elizabeth "Betsy" Forster

FORSTER, Elizabeth-Hilbert (nee Day) of Haverford, PA died at home, with her family at her side, on Tuesday, December 15, 2009.

Elizabeth was born on April 19, 1926 in Cambridge, MA. Her parents were Dr. Hilbert Francis Day and Elizabeth Vernor Henry Richards (a Boston social worker). She was a direct descendant of General John Lamb, who was commandant of West Point (at the time Benedict Arnold defected) and Collector of the Port of New York. She attended The Shady Hill School, Cambridge, MA and graduated from The Winsor School, Boston, MA. After graduating from Bryn Mawr College in 1947, she furthered her studies at Simmons College, Boston, MA, and graduated with a MSW degree from its School of Social Work.

After she married, Elizabeth worked first at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. When she and her husband moved to Philadelphia, she served in Family Services, Sheltered Employment Agency, and Episcopal Community Services. She also studied at The Family Institute and worked at the Institute of the Pennsylvania Hospital. After ceasing professional work, Elizabeth served on the board of Youth Services, Inc.

Elizabeth was a member of the Merion Cricket Club, Duxbury Yacht Club (Duxbury, MA), the Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society, and The

Athenaeum of Philadelphia.

Elizabeth was the beloved wife of Dr. Robert E. Forster, devoted mother of Julia Bacon Forster, Dr. Jameson Forster, John Montgomery Forster, and Elizabeth Forster Camerota, doting grandmother of Rebecca Andersson Forster, Katharine Henley Forster, Sarah Jameson Forster, Moses Day Forster, Jonathan Brownlee Lau, Maeve Elizabeth Forster, Robert Montgomery Caskie Forster, Christopher Andrew Camerota and Elizabeth Day Camerota, and great-grandmother of Orlando Benjamin Forster.

A celebration of her life will be held on Wednesday, December 23rd at 3:00 p.m. at the Church of the Redeemer, corner of Pennswood and New Gulph Rds, Bryn Mawr, with a reception afterwards at the Parish House. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Youth Service, Inc., 410 N. 34th St, Phila., PA 19104. Elizabeth will be interred in the Mayflower Cemetery in Duxbury, MA.

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC **23**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Church of The Redeemer  
230 Pennswood Road  
Bryn Mawr, PA

# Tribute Wall



“ *My deepest sympathies - a lovely lady.##imported-begin##Brian M. Salzberg##imported-end##*

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December 22, 2009 at 01:04 PM



“ *Betsy has meant so much to us. We have enjoyed having her come to the 4th of July parade at our house. My daughter Ellie and Shirley and Walter Amory's daughter walked across the pedestrian bridge to have dinner with Betsy and Bob while they were at Haverford. I've been lucky to join them at Elsie Chadwicks a few times lately and we always loved seeing you in Philadelphia and Duxbury. My condolences and regards to the whole family. Mom will wish to have her love and thoughts conveyed as well.*

*With affection, Heidi##imported-begin##Heidi Pape Laird##imported-end##*

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December 16, 2009 at 04:35 PM



“ Dear Dr. Forster, Babs and Drew, and Christopher and Elizabeth-- Please accept my condolences on Mrs. Forster's passing. She lived a full and wonderful life. Each of you worked tirelessly with her to make her final years as comfortable as possible given her failing health, and I hope there is comfort in knowing she is free of her earthly pain. Your dedication to her well being was inspiring. I send special greetings to Christopher and Elizabeth, who spent so much time with their grandmother over the past few years. I suspect she received special succor and joy from your constant visits, and from watching you grow into wonderful young people. I will fondly recall my Duxbury bird walks with Dr. and Mrs. Forster and Aunt Juliana, and the delight we took in the sights and sounds of the Duxbury tidal marsh, a place Mrs. Forster so obviously loved. She was kind to share it with my family over many visits and many years. Blessings to you all, and to her many relatives and friends. Dave, Kim and Abby McIntosh, Minneapolis, MN##imported-begin##Dave McIntosh##imported-end##

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December 16, 2009 at 03:17 PM



“ Dear Robert, Julia, Jamie, John, and Elizabeth,

*It was such a great honor to have met your mother last month and to share the family history around the dining table. I could sense that she was thrilled to be seeing it all laid out again.*

*It has been my privilege to get to know your family through genealogy and Aunt Elizabeth is now a part of that amazing family legacy~*

*My prayers of peace are with you all.*

*~Glenn##imported-begin##Glenn Wallace##imported-end##*

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December 16, 2009 at 01:40 PM