



Esmerelda G. Kirkpatrick "Bambi"

September 13, 1942 - April 11, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Bambi G. Kirkpatrick on Tuesday April 11, 2023.

Bambi graduated from Bala Cynwyd Junior High School where her father George W. R. Kirkpatrick was Principal. She studied at Penn State and after graduation worked as a private investigator in Kansas City.

She soon returned to Philadelphia and began a career in banking where she "broke the glass ceiling" of not granting women executive jobs. She became the first woman to become Vice President of Girard Bank. She was also the first woman to become an actuary in Pennsylvania. She next moved to Washington, DC, to accept a finance position at the Communications Satellite Corporation (COMSAT) and was responsible for overseeing the corporation's benefits and pension programs. After a long career there, she started an employee pension, benefits and human resources consultancy and continued working into her mid 70's.

She was an active Penn State alum and served on the DC Penn State Club for many and helped rewrite its constitution and establish a scholarship fund. She remained a loyal Penn State football fan through good seasons and bad. Music was her passion as she sang in musical productions in college and belonged to the Savoy in Philadelphia performing in many yearly Gilbert and Sullivan productions, In DC she was a member to several choral groups over the years. Travel to her was pure joy. She traveled with her sister and friends all over Europe, but especially loved London and continued to go back there as often as she could. One of her favorites events there was the Chelsea Flower Show.

Things that excited her were the waterfront beaches. Growing up she and her family spent summers on the New Jersey Shore and after arriving in DC made Rehoboth Beach in Delaware a regular summer destination. As an avid reader she rarely missed a meeting with the Glover Park book group which she was a member for over 20 years. An

extraordinarily reliable friend to all, she went out of her way to make life easier for all who knew her. She always had her friend's back and was always open to enlarging her circle of friends meeting new people from all backgrounds developing long term relationships. Bambi was well known and admired by her VNNC neighbors for her friendly smile, good listening ear and offers to help, whatever the need. She was the best example of "can do" for all of us who were lucky enough to call her our friend.

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Grace Ann and Frank Agostino of Philadelphia, nephew Mark Agostino, wife Brandi of California, nephew Christopher Agostino, wife Melissa and their two children Enzo and Maeve of Florida along with her dear friend Allan Brown of Washington, DC.

Cemetery Details

Arlington Cemetery

Drexel Hill, PA

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church
404 Leveringmill Road
Bala Cynwyd, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *Bambi was amazing. She consulted for my previous employer and I learned a ton under her wing. I thought of her yesterday when I packed the dishes she gifted to me as a housewarming gift. She is greatly missed! Bambi, until next time, we see each other again.* ”

Lenka Fisher - October 23, 2023 at 10:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Esmerelda G. Kirkpatrick "Bambi".* ”



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