



Ethel F. Cox

August 12, 1918 - January 6, 2012

Ethel Frazier Cox, 93, a long-time resident of Wynnewood, PA, died on Friday, Jan. 6, 2012, at St. Joseph's Manor, a skilled nursing facility affiliated with Holy Redeemer Hospital in Meadowbrook, PA, after a long illness.

Born in Philadelphia on August 12, 1918, Buzzy, as she was known to family and friends, grew up initially in the Girard Estate section of South Philadelphia, thereafter in suburban Wynnewood, and graduated from Lower Merion High School in Ardmore, PA in 1936. She was an avid pianist, the accompanist for the high school Chorus, and a member of the school chapter of the National Honor Society. As a homemaker after marrying Roger N. Cox, who predeceased her in 2002, she continued with her love of the piano, including playing two-piano duets with a friend, and enjoyed lively bridge games. She was active in community affairs, including the Wynnewood United Presbyterian Church, and looked after the personal affairs of her older friends when they needed assistance. She was a member of the Philadelphia chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, a social and charitable organization affiliated with the Masons, and served as worthy matron (presiding officer) of the Philadelphia chapter.

In 1943 she and her husband, who was then engaged in supervising war production of instruments for General Electric in Philadelphia, bought a house in Wynnewood, which eventually underwent a number of major renovations,

and she lived there for 62 years, until she moved to the Charles C. Knox Home in Wynnewood in 2005 after suffering a mild stroke. She remained a resident of the Knox Home until November 2011, when she was transferred to the St. Joseph's Manor skilled nursing facility.

Mrs. Cox's survivors include two sons, Roger of Philadelphia and Robert of Marietta, GA; three grandchildren, Braden of Alexandria, VA, Tasha Cox Wisehart of Marietta, GA, and Preston, of New York City; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Chadwick & McKinney Funeral Home, 30 E. Athens Ave., Ardmore. Burial will be in West Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bala Cynwyd.