



Florence Birch McElroy

June 8, 1906 - January 27, 2008

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Florence (nee Birch), age 101, died peacefully at her home at Beaumont in Bryn Mawr on January 27, 2008. She was born in Philadelphia in 1906 to Elizabeth Russell Birch and James Weaver Birch. Her husband of 46 years, John J. McElroy Jr. died in 1976. An active volunteer until she was almost 90 years of age, she served as a docent at the Philadelphia Zoo, a Dolphin who visited the elderly, tutored foreigners in English, and was active with RSVP (retired senior volunteers) and the Huguenot Society. For twenty years, she hosted a weekly conversational French group at her home. She was a parishioner of All Saints Episcopal Church in Wynnewood, and a former member of the DAR (Jeptha Abbott Chapter), the Garden Club of Bala Cynwyd and the Merion Cricket Club. She is survived by her son, John J. McElroy III, and daughter-in-law, Mary Scott McElroy of Paoli, a grandson, John J. McElroy IV and his wife, Cherie Murdock McElroy of Hinsdale, IL, a granddaughter, Bonnie McElroy Weber and her husband, Paul Weber of Newport, RI and four great granddaughters. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Contributions in her memory may be sent to the Philadelphia Zoo 3400 West Girard Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19104.