



## Georgia M. Friel

March 11, 2022

Georgia Miller Friel of Radnor, PA, died peacefully in the presence of family on March 11, 2022. She was 94.

Georgia was born in Renovo, PA on May 27, 1927, and was raised in Depression-Era Western Pennsylvania. She was a graduate of Altoona High School and Penn State University, where she was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. In search of adventure, she took a job with General Electric in Philadelphia, which changed the course of her life. On a trip to the beach in Strathmere, NJ, she met her beloved husband, Edward H. "Ted" Friel, Jr. They married in 1950, and together participated meaningfully in the events of their times. During the Korean War, Georgia gave birth to their first child on the U.S. Naval Base in San Diego. After Ted's service, they raised their family in the Philadelphia area, where for decades, Georgia served as Executive Vice President of Parkway Real Estate Company and as a Director of Haydon Bolts Inc., a supplier of heavy steel bolts that remains under family ownership today.

Georgia authored her own remarkable second chapter after Ted's untimely death in 1984. She travelled the world with dear friends Mary Weaver and Sally Teaf, from Africa to Alaska and beyond. She was a committed volunteer to the Wayne Women's Exchange, the Bryn Mawr Hospital, and later, in the library at Dunwoody Village. She was a benefactor of the World Wildlife Fund,

a longtime patron of the theatre and of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and a member of the Merion Cricket Club.

Georgia's happiest times were spent with her family on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland. She and Ted first brought their family there to sail in the 1950s. For the rest of her life, summer evenings by the waters of Rock Hall, MD, sharing laughs with family and friends in the twilight, brought her great joy.

They just don't make 'em like Georgia anymore. She possessed boundless fortitude. She was exceedingly social: she always seemed to have "plans" with some friend or other. She understood the importance of cocktail hour. She had a million sayings; she frequently broke into song. She had a stiff upper lip. And a great laugh.

In addition to Ted, Georgia was predeceased by her parents, Clark M. and Helen Britt Miller, and her brother, Clark Jr. She is survived by all five of her children, Edward H. (Marla); Kathleen (Edwin) Crowell; Michael C. (Jennifer); Christine Friel (Ian Shipway); Andrew H., as well as six adoring grandchildren and two great-granddaughters. Georgia's family is grateful for the care she received at Dunwoody.

Relatives and friends are invited to Georgia's memorial gathering on Friday March 25, at 2 P.M., at The Inn at Villanova University, 601 County Line Rd., Radnor, PA. Please email [georgiamfriel@gmail.com](mailto:georgiamfriel@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

Donations in Georgia's honor can be made to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, [www.cbf.org](http://www.cbf.org).

# Previous Events

## Life Celebration

MAR **25**. 2:00 PM (ET)

The Inn at Villanova University  
601 County Line Road  
Radnor, PA 19087

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Mid West Fabricating Co. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Georgia M. Friel.*



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**Mid West Fabricating Co.** - March 24, 2022 at 09:08 AM

RB

“ *To my friend in your time of loss. The love of a mother can never be replaced. Her caring nature and her warm spirit will live on in you always.*

*As you mourn the loss of a very special mother, may you find strength in all of your wonderful memories together. She will never be far from your heart.*

*Though I never had the pleasure to meet your mother, it is apparent that she meant the world to you. Please accept our deepest sympathies regarding your loss.*

*Roger & Cristina Bauer*

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**Roger Bauer** - March 23, 2022 at 07:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Georgia M. Friel.*



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March 22, 2022 at 04:29 PM

MC

“ I am sorry for you loss Georgia lived a good life .She was a nice lady may she rest in peace may god bless her soul my sincere condolences Mark Crowell

Mark Crowell - March 21, 2022 at 09:25 PM

CO

Growing up as we did in the Woodlands was for me a sparkling experience. The older Friel's and my Grandparents bought the property together. My cousins Ann, Alice and Hutch, my family Jay , Cathie and Caroline, the Belcher family Robin, Barbie , Leslie and Nancy, The Teaf family Chris ,Dusty, Bonnie, Dibby and Daniel and the Friel's all grew up in each other's homes. For me I always felt loved by the woman, Mary , Mary, Sallie and Georgia. Often coming home from school they would be gathered at our Dinning room table drinking tea holding space for each other lives. Georgia is the last one of that era. I was so fortunate to know and love her all these years. I was glad my sisters and I got to say goodbye knowing it was for the last time.  
Connie

ConstanceWeaverPullen - March 21, 2022 at 10:13 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Georgia M. Friel.



March 21, 2022 at 08:09 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Georgia M. Friel.



March 21, 2022 at 04:10 PM