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In Loving Memory

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Longtime resident of the Mainline, Lavinia A. Savage passed over on January 24,

2017 in her 100th year. Born in Brooklyn, NY, she was the youngest child of Helen

Cilley Alder and Eugene Charles Alder. She attended Adelphi Academy in Brooklyn

until the family moved to Minneapolis. She attended Northrop Collegiate School, Smith

College and graduated from the University of Minnesota receiving a B.A.

Lavinia sold

furniture at the Dayton Company until her marriage to William George Sanderson Savage

Jr. in 1939, Director of Passenger Sales with the Pennsylvania Railroad. Their first home was in

Williamsport, PA. They moved to Berwyn, Pittsburgh, and finally made their home in

Merion. For the last seven years she resided at The Quadrangle and was most grateful for

the loving care of the staff. Lavinia was a realtor just long enough to put her

four

children through college. "Binnie", as she was so fondly called, was a longtime member

of the Overbrook Presbyterian Church where she was one of the first women to serve as

Elder, and was the first woman to serve as Trustee. She helped to nurture the Overbrook

Preschool and Kindergarten serving on their Board for over

thirty years. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Daughters of the Cincinnati,

Chaplain of the Pa. Society of New England Women, and member of The Modern Club.

She was the President and a presenter for St. George's Questers who shared her love of

antiques. She and her husband often went to auctions in New Hampshire and found early

American treasures to repair and savor. She was an avid collector of English Staffordshire China and Teddy Bears. Their summer home on Partridge Lake, Littleton,

New Hampshire was where Lavinia felt closest to God and where she carried on the

family tradition of sharing the lake with family and friends of all ages.

She has been loved and will be remembered by many friends and family as a generous, curious, loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother and friend. She is

predeceased by her parents, her husband Bill, and her two brothers, Bradbury and John.

Survivors include her children: Charles William Savage and his wife Susan of Old

Saybrook, CT., David Spengler Savage and his wife Slavica of Newbury, NH., Deborah

Savage Schuhl and her husband Kurt of Valley Forge, PA., and Catherine Longfellow Alder of Milwaukie, OR. She has four grandchildren: Ann Matthews and her husband Jason, Benjamin Ellenwood and his wife Karin, Sarah Ellenwood and her wife Rushie, and David Ellenwood. She also has four great-grandchildren: Benny Steinhorn, Judson Ellenwood, Samantha Matthews, and Skyler Ellenwood. A memorial service will be held on May 12th at 11a.m. at Overbrook Presbyterian Church. There will be a private committal service for the family. Gifts in lieu of flowers and in honor of Lavinia may be made to Overbrook Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund, the Overbrook Preschool, and the American Heart Association.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Overbrook Presbyterian Church
6376 City Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19151

Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathy to you all. I enjoyed getting to know Vinnie after I came to live at Quadrangle and was sorry not to be able to join you at the service yesterday!*
Bea Durham Blackman

Bea Durham Blackman - May 13, 2017 at 10:00 AM