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Marianna (Mia) Battey, 95, passed away peacefully October 9 at White Horse Village in Newtown Square. She will be missed by her sons and daughters-in-law; Tom and Candy, Ray, Bill and Diane, and Jack and Joan, nine grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren. She was pre-deceased by her husband, William A. Battey, Jr., her parents, Dr. Morton and Anna Sutton Myers, and her siblings, Mary Ellen Myers and James Sutton Myers. Born in Davenport, Washington, she was raised in several western and mid-western towns before attending Earlham College in Indiana. After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania, she married Bill Battey. They settled in Media where the family business, Bill Battey Sporting Goods, was founded in 1936. While raising her four young sons, she obtained a Master's Degree from University of Pennsylvania's Fels Institute of Government. Retiring in 1971, the Batteys spent time between residences in Rock Hall, Maryland and Englewood, Florida, all the time keeping their connections to Media. In 1991, they moved to White Horse Village.

Mia was always eager to learn new things and ready to seek adventure. She celebrated her 79th birthday with a tandem sky-diving jump. She enjoyed gardening and the outdoors particularly in the Poconos. Upon retirement she took up tennis and golf getting a hole-in-one. She explored many artistic

mediums including needlework, photography, and sculpture. In recent years Mia became a master quilter using her artistic skill and color sense to piece over 100 treasured quilts for her family. Mia became a world traveler visiting every continent including Antarctica. She enjoyed environmentally themed expeditions, volunteered on archeological digs, and traveled extensively on freighter cruises. Exploring the culture of indigenous people of many different countries intrigued her. Mia was an inspiration to all who knew her.

A memorial service for Mia will be held at Haverford Friends Meeting on Saturday, November 17 at 11:00 A.M. Memorial contributions may be made to the Haverford Friends Meeting, 855 Buck Lane, Haverford, PA 19041.