



Marion Onderdonk Jacobson

July 2, 1909 - December 11, 2010

Marion Onderdonk Jacobson (nee Mathews) died on Saturday, December 11th, 2010 at the age of 100 in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. She was born in St. Louis, MO to Hilda and Stephen Mathews, and was tutored at home. Her long life was highlighted by outstanding volunteer commitments. Her first marriage to John Adrian Onderdonk brought her to Montclair, New Jersey where she soon became an active member of The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra Board where she served as Vice President and as President of The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra League. She was on the Committee that brought Henry Lewis as Conductor to this Orchestra, and she was a co-founder and creator with Louis Broomall of The Young Artists Competition - an annual musical event that was dedicated to the recognition of outstanding young performers. She derived much satisfaction from this program, according to her daughter, and she lived to see the program expand and develop. She was also actively engaged as a Board Member of The New Jersey State Museum at Trenton, where she served as Secretary of the Board.

Following her move to Bryn Mawr, PA, she became a member of the Main line Delaware

Committee for the Philadelphia Orchestra. Other interests included The Victorian Society and the Washington Society. Her former clubs included: The Montclair Golf Club, The Rock Spring Club, The Merion Gold Club, The Merion Cricket Club, and she was a member of The Acorn Club at the time of

her death.

A life -long member of the Junior League, a member of The Church of the Redeemer Alter Guild, she continued volunteering until, for health reasons, she had to limit her activities. She was preceded in death by three husbands, John Adrian Onderdonk, Frank Raynor Cole, and James Arthur Jacobson. She was also preceded in death by two children, Dr. John Adrian Onderdonk,jr, former Chief of Cardiology at Chestnut Hill Hospital, and Adrienne Onderdonk Dudden, a graphic designer. She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Onderdonk Pruett, ret. Associate Dean of Bryn Mawr College, and by four grandchildren: John Adrian Onderdonk III, Dr. John R. Pruett, Jr., Dr. Alexis Bray Dudden, and Daphne Onderdonk, and by five great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Church of the Redeemer on January 22,2011 at 2:00pm immediately followed by at Reception at Beaumont at Bryn Mawr.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the Beaumont Fund for the Health Center.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 1. 12:00 AM (ET)

Church of The Redeemer
230 Pennswood Road
Bryn Mawr, PA

Tribute Wall



“ My sincere condolences go out to you on the loss of your mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Two scriptures that have brought me comfort through the years of losing my loved ones have been: "Blessed be...the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribuation" (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4) and "the LORD All-Powerful will destroy the power of death and wipe away all tears..." (Isaiah 25:8). I pray that you all receive the needed comfort and strength during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Eleanor Elizabeth##imported-end##

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“ Dick Cardinal and Dick Sanford both express our sympathy to the family.....we were both neighbors and admirers of Tookie in our Edgemont School years.....took turns carrying her books!##imported-begin##Richard Sanford##imported-end##

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