



## Marjorie Clarke Coxe "Jerry"

June 24, 1929 - April 16, 2023

Marjorie Clarke ("Jerry") Coxe, age 93, a resident of Gladwyne, Pa., for 68 years, died April 16, 2023. She was the wife of the late Theodore Stafford Coxe.

Born and raised in Lancaster, Pa., she graduated from what is now Lancaster Country Day School in 1947 and received a B.A. in English from Smith College in 1951. She continued her connection with the college throughout her life, holding a number of volunteer positions with the Smith Club of Philadelphia and with her class.

Her professional life began in New York City, where she worked in fashion and publishing for four years before her marriage in 1955. She then moved to Gladwyne and became involved in various volunteer organizations. Once her children were grown, she worked for 16 years at Bryn Mawr College in the Resources Department, from which she retired in 1995. Most recently, her volunteer interests centered around the Barnes Foundation, where she was a docent for 24 years until she took "emerita" status in 2019, and St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, where she was a member of the Altar Guild.

She was a member of the Cosmopolitan Club of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society, the Philadelphia Country Club, the Hit or Miss Golf Group, and the Antiques Study Group. She was an enthusiastic

skier, skater, golfer, tennis player, and traveler. She wrote journals of many of her travels and was a thoughtful, frequent correspondent with friends and family.

Jerry is survived by her children Julie C. Freund (Daniel), Hugh M. Coxe (Colleen), and Theodore S. ("Ted") Coxe, Jr. (Polly). Also surviving are seven grandchildren: Jacob Freund (Kristopher Castle), Hugh Freund (Lindsey O'Connell), Nancy Ballantyne, Ian Ballantyne, Marjorie ("Margot") Ballantyne, Henry Coxe, and Caroline Coxe; and one great-grandson, Theodore ("Theo") Freund. She was preceded in death by her daughter Louise C. ("Lucy") Ballantyne and her sister, Julianne ("Julie") Clarke.

Relatives and friends are invited to a memorial service on Saturday, May 20, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Christopher's Church, 226 Righters Mill Road, Gladwyne. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Jerry's memory may be made to Smith College, 33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063; The Barnes Foundation, 2025 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19130; or St. Christopher's Church, 226 Righters Mill Road, Gladwyne, PA 19035.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church  
226 Righters Mill Road  
Gladwyne, PA 19035

# Tribute Wall

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“ For many years, I had the privilege of working alongside Jerry as a Barnes docent. What a great person she was, and how lucky all of are to have been touched by her kindness, dignity and astute insight as she analyzed works of art. Linda Robinson

Linda Robinson - April 23, 2023 at 07:11 PM

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“ Jerry was a friend of my mothers from St. Christophers and living in Gladwyne.  
I remember her well seeing her walking around Gladwyne. Her house was on one of my running routes. I will always remember her beauty and contentment.  
My condolences to all her children /grandchildren. St. Christophers has lost a wonderful member and Gladwyne has lost a beautiful soul.  
Hilary Graves Young

Hilary Graves Young - April 21, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Marjorie Clarke Coxe "Jerry".



April 19, 2023 at 02:29 PM

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“ Sincere condolences to all on the passing of this gracious lady. I always enjoyed every opportunity to chat with Jerry in the Barnes docent lounge.

*She is fondly remembered and will long be missed.*

*Ida Wiener Moss*

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**Ida Wiener Moss** - April 18, 2023 at 09:36 PM

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*Jerry and I were dorm mates at Smith and shared much of college life. I will miss her updates re us 1951 Haven House alums. A lovely woman. Tish Neidhardt*

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**Elizabeth (Tish) Neidhardt** - November 16, 2023 at 11:13 AM