



Martha W. Dale

July 28, 1940 - September 24, 2012

Martha Willis Dale, 72, a college administrator at Cabrini College for nearly thirty years, died on Monday, September 24, at Bryn Mawr Hospital. She was a resident of Wayne for thirty-five years. Mrs. Dale had been living with cancer since 2009.

Born on July 28, 1940 in Pittsburgh, Mrs. Dale was the only child of William and Ivy Willis. She grew up in the Pittsburgh area and loved the city dearly. However, she decided to attend college elsewhere, acquiring a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Connecticut College. She subsequently undertook post-graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh where, shortly thereafter, she began her career in higher education. Notably, she was an Assistant Dean of Women and Assistant Dean of Students from 1965-1969.

In 1969, Mrs. Dale put her career on hold when she became a mother. Her first son, Ian Scott Anderson, was born in Pittsburgh. After the family moved to the Philadelphia area in 1971, her second son, William Robins Anderson, was born at Bryn Mawr Hospital in 1972. She was a dedicated and loving mother. Being a single child herself, she always told her sons that the greatest gift she ever gave them was each other. In 1977, she remarried to John L. Dale.

In 1978, she began a successful and fulfilling career at Cabrini College that would last for nearly thirty years. For the vast majority of this time, she was the Director of Alumni Affairs. However, she also undertook significant work on the history of the college and the Woodcrest Estate, upon which the college today exists. Mrs. Dale was extremely dedicated to the college and its

mission. She established the Martha Dale Award for Distinguished Service, while others created the Martha Dale Endowed Scholarship in her name. Mrs. Dale also had various other interests and activities in which she dedicated her time. She was a volunteer and board member of the Radnor A Better Chance (ABC) program between 1972-1982. In recent years, she became more involved with the Presbyterian Children's Village in Rosemont. Mrs. Dale was an avid reader, had a passion for good food and wine, and loved to travel. She also greatly enjoyed the movies and theater. She is survived by her spouse, John L. Dale, two sons, Ian S. Anderson (Vidhi) and William R. Anderson (fiancée, Crystal), and two stepsons, John L. Dale Jr. (Suzanne) and Jeffrey B. Dale, Sr. (Barbara). She is also survived by nine grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 217 Berkeley Road, Devon, PA at 11 am, Saturday, October 6.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to either the Martha Dale Endowed Scholarship, Cabrini College, 610 King of Prussia Road, Radnor, PA, 19087, or the Presbyterian Children's Village, 452 South Roberts Road, Rosemont, PA 19010, or the Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation, 1901 Vine Street, Room 111, Philadelphia, PA, 19103.

Previous Events

Service

OCT 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Presbyterian Church
217 Berkley Road
Devon, PA 19312
(610) 688-5222