



Mary A.B. Scheetz

November 5, 1917 - January 15, 2016

Mary Augusta ("Dusty") Biddle Scheetz, 98, died at Dunwoody Village, Newtown Square, on January 15. Born in Riverton, New Jersey, she was the daughter of Henry Canby Biddle and Margaret Seton Fleming Biddle. She was graduated in 1935 from the Agnes Irwin School, where her mother had taught.

A debutante and Pond's Cold Cream model, Mrs. Scheetz married Philadelphia attorney William Henry Snyder, Jr. in 1937. He died in 1951, aged 41, leaving her widowed with three young children. In 1952 she married Gordon Stouffer, of Cleveland, Chairman of Stouffer Foods, who adopted her children. Stouffer died in 1956, not long after the couple had returned from an African animal capture safari for the Cleveland Zoo, at that time the largest shipment of live animals ever to leave Africa bound for one destination. In 1960 she returned to the Philadelphia area, where she married architect William Cramp Scheetz, Jr., who died in 1996.

A gracious and generous woman, Mrs. Scheetz faced her many losses in life with exceptional courage and fortitude. A descendant of the Owen Biddle branch of a family long prominent in Philadelphia affairs, she had a strong sense of civic duty. She was a volunteer for the Women's Boards of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia Orchestra. She was a past member of the Merion Cricket Club, the Sedgeley Club and the Acorn Club. A faithful reunion volunteer for the Agnes Irwin School, she

received its Alumnae Award in 2015 on the occasion of her class's 80th Reunion.

Mrs. Scheetz is survived by her children Elizabeth ("Lissa") Stouffer Thompson (Joshua), Mary Seton Gibbons, and Christopher Fleming Stouffer (Elizabeth), as well as stepchildren Alice Scheetz Longman (Tremper) and John Wood Scheetz (Elizabeth), three nephews and niece Margaret ("Margot") Bright Walker (William), to whom she was especially devoted. She also leaves seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law Margaret ("Tookie") Biddle Bright and Thomas Foster Bright, brother Henry Canby Biddle, Jr., grandson William Henry Snyder Watson and nephew Augustus Peabody Gardner Biddle.

Interment will be private. A memorial service will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to the Agnes Irwin School, 275 South Ithan Avenue, Rosemont, PA 19010, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 12. 4:30 PM (ET)

St. David's Episcopal Church
763 South Valley Forge Road
Wayne, PA 19087