



Mary Knox Tatnall

August 5, 1937 - May 6, 2024

Mary Knox Tatnall of Wayne, PA died peacefully at home at the age of age 86, on May 6, 2024. She was born in Philadelphia to Edythe and John Knox, raised in Haverford, and spent most of her adult life on the Main Line.

Mary was a graduate of Agnes Irwin School, Colby Sawyer College, and West Chester University. She was active in sports including field hockey, basketball and lacrosse during her school years and tennis and croquet as an adult. She especially enjoyed tennis at Merion Cricket Club and Sea Pines Country Club, Hilton Head Island, SC. She was inducted into the Agnes Irwin School Sports Hall of Fame in 2016. In her free time, Mary enjoyed taking classes at Main Line School Night, nature photography and time with friends and family.

Mary served on the Boards of Directors for Associated Services for the Blind, CONTACT Care Line, Francisville Home for Smaller Animals, Agnes Irwin School, Women's Board of Bryn Mawr Hospital, and Surrey Services for Seniors. Mary assisted on the altar guild and was a member of the vestry at Christ Church Ithan in Wayne.

Mary is survived by her husband, Frank Tatnall, and two daughters, Edythe Polley and Pegge Nelson.

A service and reception will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Wayne, on Friday, May 17th beginning at 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, Surrey Services for Seniors or Francisville Home for Smaller Animals/Providence Animal Center.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Episcopal Church Wayne
Lancaster & Louella Avenues
Wayne, PA

Tribute Wall

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“ I would like to share a few of my many cherished memories of wonderful years spent with Mary. Of summers when we, as little girls, would gleefully ride our bicycles to the nearby shop to buy ice cream cones and then come home to watch Howdy Doody on the newly-invented television! Then, there were many birthday parties with lots of silly presents, or playing basketball in Mary’s neighbor’s backyard. And as years passed, it was playing on the Agnes Irwin hockey fields and Mary was always great—but always very modest. She was an amazing athlete! All of these times were brightened by the sunshine of Mary’s presence, her good humor and kindness. Then, in later years, when our children were growing up, we shared many marvelous vacations at Hilton Head, and spent hours on the beach comparing the ups and downs of motherhood. My great regret is that my move from the Philadelphia area put a distance of miles between us, but I’m grateful for the times which we were able to share over the years and my fondness for her never waned. She was my dear, dear friend, and I shall miss her dearly. -Myrna Fielding Hamel

myrna hamel - May 13, 2024 at 11:37 AM