



Rachel Wray Funk Jenkins

May 5, 1926 - June 4, 2024

Rachel Wray Funk Jenkins, died peacefully, Tuesday, June 4th in Haverford, PA. She was 98 years old. Rachel was born in Philadelphia and raised in Overbrook Park where she lived and cared for her mother, Mabel Wray until her passing. Her father, Elmer H. Funk, M.D., a noted professor at Jefferson Medical College, died suddenly when she was 6 yrs old. This loss helped Rachel form a special bond with her brother, E. Hendricks Funk, Jr. M.D., and led her to an early commitment to education and community service.

Rachel was a graduate of The Baldwin School ('44), and the University of Pennsylvania ('48). A talented high school and collegiate athlete at a time when women's sports were not acknowledged, Rachel was proud of having played on Baldwin's all-star field hockey team and later captained Penn's '48 all American undefeated hockey team. After graduation, she served as a National Umpire for the U.S. Field Hockey and Women's Lacrosse Associations and taught physical education at Penn for several years before returning to teach and coach at Baldwin. A dedicated alumna, she later served as Chair of the Baldwin Board of Trustees and was also inducted into Baldwin's Athletic Hall of Fame. Rachel was honored and grateful to have lasting friendships with her students who kept in contact until her passing.

After teaching, she worked with the Southeastern PA American Red Cross as Director of Youth Service until her retirement. Then, in 1989, a special Penn

connection reappeared, and she married R. Stuart Jenkins, Esq, and moved to Radnor where she helped raise his three children, Mary Stuart, Anne, and David.

In addition to serving on the Baldwin Alumni Board, Rachel was past Board Chair and member of the Contact Care Line. She was a past member of Merion Cricket Club and enjoyed tennis and squash. She was also a lifelong member of Overbrook Presbyterian and Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Churches serving in many positions.

Rachel is survived by her niece, Ellen H. Funk, and her stepchildren, Mary Stuart Champion, Ann Taylor Rizzo, and David S.T. Jenkins.

The family wishes to extend special thanks to Bonnie L. Ashby, M.D. for her years of friendship and medical care.

Friends are invited to a Memorial service and reception at the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church on Thursday September 26th beginning at 11 am.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Rachel Jenkins '44 Scholar Athlete Fund, The Baldwin School, 701 Montgomery Ave, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010, Eugene C. Bay Fund, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Ave, Bryn Mawr PA 19010 or the Elmer H. Funk Jr. MD Scholarship, Jefferson Office of Institutional Advancement, 1101 Market St, 22nd Fl, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
625 Montgomery Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA

Tribute Wall

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“ Rachel became a dear friend of my mother, Marilyn Cupp Dahl, when they met at Mt Holyoke College prior to Rachel's transfer to the University of Pennsylvania (where she could play field hockey). This friendship lasted until my mother's death in 2015. As children, my sisters and I always looked forward to Rachel's visits because she was upbeat, energetic and truly interested in our lives. She played tennis well into her 70s and, as she was in all the sports she engaged in, she was good!
Rachel was warm and kind; she retained a formality that nonetheless could never suppress her willing laugh and the twinkle in her eyes. It was my very great pleasure to visit her periodically in her later years and these visits will remain treasured memories of mine forever. She was always a wonderful friend, without pretense, and I will miss her. Dear Rachel, I will look for you in the stars at night knowing that you are somewhere in that celestial sphere swinging your racket again! With love from Karen Dahl🌀



Karen Dahl - October 04, 2024 at 12:14 AM

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Ann - September 17, 2024 at 06:15 AM