



Ray McLean Gordon

July 1, 1931 - October 5, 2011

Ray McLean Gordon, devoted wife, mother, friend, volunteer and philanthropist of Haverford and Palm City, Florida, passed away peacefully October 5, 2011 with her family at her side, following a brief illness. Daughter of the late William L. McLean, Jr., who was publisher, vice president and treasurer of the Evening Bulletin, and Eleanor B. McLean, she is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Joseph K. Gordon, her daughters Sarah W. Gordon and Leila Gordon, her sons Hunter R. Gordon and C. Scott Gordon, and six grandchildren: Clayton K. Dyer, J. McLean Dyer, Marshall N. Gordon, Spencer N. Gordon, Grace K. Gordon and Cooper G. Gordon. The warmth of her relationship with all the members of her family and her many friends was a hallmark of her loving character.

Ray was born in Philadelphia and grew up in Wynnewood. She attended Shipley School and graduated from Chatham Hall in 1949, going on to graduate from Wellesley College in 1953 with a BA in Philosophy. At Wellesley, she was president of the athletic association and a member of the varsity tennis, crew, basketball and field hockey teams.

Ray's love for children led her after college to become an elementary school teacher at Shipley from 1953 to 1955. She met her husband over a game of bridge in 1955 and they were married the same year. Their shared enjoyment of golf and travel brought them many years of great joy. Even while raising her family, Ray pursued her passion for athletics. In 1963 she won the women's tennis championship at the Merion Cricket Club, and several golf championships at Gulph Mills Golf Club in the 1970's, 1980's and 1990's. Ray played in three United States Senior Women's Golf Championships. She served as a member of the Executive Committee and President of the Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia for several years during this period. She served as a golf course rater for the Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia for many years as well. Ray shared her love for golf with many girls and women, mentoring them so they could better play and enjoy her favorite game.

Ray was a lifelong volunteer who was devoted to many charitable causes. She made lasting contributions to The Women's Board of the Lankenau Hospital and The Association for the Blind and Dyslexic as well as other worthy causes by helping to manage benefit golf tournaments. Ray was an area captain for the United Way of Greater Philadelphia; a member and program organizer at Wellesley-in-Philadelphia; a member and treasurer of The Friends of Ludington Library; a committee member for the Art Ability Program at Bryn Mawr Rehab; and a trustee of The Charter Foundation.

Ray Gordon was a long-time member of The Acorn Club, and with her husband at The Gulph Mills Golf Club, The Merion Cricket Club and The Harbour Ridge Yacht and Country Club in Florida.

A Memorial Service will be held at The Church of Redeemer on Friday
October 14, 2011 at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to

Lankenau Medical Center Foundation

Medical Office Building East

Suite 50

100 East Lancaster Avenue

Wynnewood, PA 19096

Previous Events

Service

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of The Redeemer
230 Pennswood Road
Bryn Mawr, PA