



## Sally Poole Linvill

February 28, 1920 - April 27, 2014

Sally Poole Linvill, died peacefully at the age of 94 in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, on April 27, 2014. She was married to her beloved husband, John Barton (Bart) Linvill, for almost 72 years, and together they raised their two children, Sally Sumner Linvill (Ian) Bund of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and John (Jack) Barton (Sue) Linvill, Jr., of Wayne, Pennsylvania. For the last thirteen years, she and Bart have lived at Beaumont Retirement Community.

Sally was born in Canton, Massachusetts, on February 28, 1920 to her parents, Sally McKendry Sumner Poole and William Frederick Poole, Jr. She graduated from The Brimmer-May School in Boston in 1936 and attended Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, for two years. After their marriage on June 13, 1942, while Bart was serving in the United States Navy in the South Pacific, she worked at the MIT Radar Laboratory in Cambridge. Following the war, they moved to suburban Philadelphia, living in Wayne until 1956 and then Radnor until 2001, when they moved to Beaumont.

Sally devoted her adult life to volunteer, community leadership, energetically and generously providing years of service and management expertise to many charitable organizations. She was a life-long member and served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Junior Service Board, which supported the work of the Visiting Nurses Association of the Neighborhood League of Wayne, its Dental Clinic and Nursing Scholarship Program. She

was active in Radnor Township politics, serving as Judge of Elections for many years. And, as President of the Board of the Friends of the Library and then of the Radnor Memorial Library, Sally energetically spearheaded the raising of funds for the new library building program in the 1960s.

As a board member of the Committee of 1926, which supports the preservation and programs of Historic Strawberry Mansion in Fairmount Park, Sally curated the new Millennium Doll Exhibition in 2000. Along with board member Emilie Bregy, she wrote to the governors of states which did not have dolls represented in the Sesquicentennial Doll Collection, which had been housed at Strawberry Mansion since 1950. They were successful in receiving dolls which interpreted the history of these states, completing the collection of dolls for all 50. In honor of her achievement, the exhibition space for the Millennium Doll exhibition was named the "Sally Linvill Room."

Sally was a member of the Vestry of St. Martin's Church in Radnor and a tireless volunteer, chairing the annual fair and other events to raise funds for the church. She also served for years on the Executive Committee of the Episcopalian Churchwomen of the Diocese of Pennsylvania as Vice President of Promotion, involving missions and communications. An avid athlete, Sally played tennis and golf at Martin's Dam Club and St. David's Golf Club, often organizing large tournament events for other players, complete with her own hand-crafted gifts for participants.

Sally was, above all, a devoted, caring mother and wife, often supporting her children's interests as Brownie and Cub Scout leader or chief fan at field hockey, lacrosse and football games. In addition to her children Sally and Jack, she is survived by five grandsons, Stefan Lorenz Bund of Yucaipa, CA, Barton Sumner Bund of Ypsilanti, MI, John Barton Linvill, III, of Philadelphia, Benjamin Hunter Linvill of Huntington Beach, CA, and Capt. Joshua Walker Linvill of Camp Irwin, CA . She had seven great grandchildren, Eowyn and Iris

Bund, Nicklaus, Alexandra and Victoria Bund, and Chase and Darrah Linvill.

Through her own example, she taught everyone who knew her about giving to community, commitment to history and country, and generosity to people in need. She was loved by all who knew and worked with her and by the staff of Beaumont at Bryn Mawr, headed by Tracey Vitabile, who cared for her with sensitivity and devotion. Her husband Bart was her greatest champion and admirer, providing her with loving support to the end of her life.

Sally will be interred with family present at Washington Memorial Chapel Churchyard in Valley Forge Park. Her life will be celebrated at a memorial service at St. Martin's Church, Radnor, with The Reverend Christopher Bishop officiating, will take place on Tuesday May 6th, 2 PM. A reception following the service will be held at Bolingbroke, St. Martin's Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts are suggested to St. Martin's Church, 400 King of Prussia Road, Radnor, PA, 19087, or to Friends of Historic Strawberry Mansion, P.O. Box 539, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

## Cemetery Details

**Burial will be private.**