



Nancy Rutledge

December 14, 2014

Nancy Moore McQuigg Rutledge died peacefully at home on Sunday evening, Dec. 14, 2014, surrounded by family, pets, and plants. She was born on May 30, 1929 to the late John Ewart and Marion Sootsman McQuigg and spent her childhood in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She attended Stoneleigh-Prospect Hill School and then Smith College, graduating in 1951. An accomplished linguist and equestrian, she taught French and Riding at Foxhollow School during the 1950s. An extraordinary educator, Nancy taught a generation of students in the Language Department at Pittsfield High School from the late 1960s into the 1990s. Denizens of the Wilde Sports Center at the former Lenox School will remember her as an avid figure skater and the first female ice hockey coach and referee in the region. She taught many Berkshire County children how to skate and play hockey, and she was proud to be remembered for this. Nancy is survived by four children: Norm Rutledge of Canaan, NY, Marian Rutledge of Lenox, Win Rutledge of Gloucester, and Matthew Rutledge of Pittsfield; her daughter-in-law, Annie Ellis Rutledge; two grandchildren, Elizabeth Rutledge of Portland, OR, and Eleanor Rutledge of Pittsfield; nieces Margreta Mesics of Healdsburg, CA, and Jane Mesics of Petaluma, CA; and grandnephews, Joseph and Matteo Tomerlin of Healdsburg, CA. She also leaves behind beloved friends and neighbors, her pets, her gardens, her books, and her kitchen, where she cooked and baked amazing food for over four decades. At Nancy's request, there will be no visiting hours or services. Friends are asked instead to remember her in the things they enjoy most. Always happiest in her gardens, Nancy needs no flowers. Instead, donations may be made in her memory to the Lenox Library Association or to Hospice Care in the Berkshires.

Comments



“ We extend our deepest sympathy. Paul Nesbit also has many very clear memories. Sound like she lived life to the fullest.

Tom & Bev Brunette - December 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM