



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

In Memoriam

Betty Millis McCarten P'75, P'77, P'82

(Sept. 5, 1923 - July 31, 2024)

Betty Millis McCarten passed away peacefully on July 31, 2024, at a skilled nursing facility in Chicago, where she had resided for the past 9.5 years to be near her daughter, Elizabeth Andrews (Libby). Born in 1923 in Kansas City, Kansas, to Dr. Earl R. Millis and Elizabeth B. Millis, Betty lived a full and vibrant life. She would have celebrated her 101st birthday on September 5th.

A devoted homemaker and mother, Betty was married to [Capt. George C. McCarten Jr.](#), who predeceased her in 2010. As a military wife, she embraced the lifestyle, cherishing their time stationed at Pearl Harbor, HI, and San Francisco. In their retirement, Betty and George enjoyed winters in Waikiki Beach, Honolulu. They were survivors of the Hyatt Regency collapse in Kansas City in 1981, and despite lifelong consequences from their injuries, they continued to travel the world and collect Asian artifacts.

Betty was also active in the Pembroke Country Day and Sunset Hill School communities while her children attended. She had a passion for needlepointing, was an ADPi mother, a member of Vanderslice, and loved antiques. During the summers, she and George enjoyed racing sailboats and socializing at their lake house. She lived at San Francisco Towers in Kansas City, Missouri, from 1981 to 2015 before moving to assisted living in Chicago to be closer to her family.

Betty loved hosting parties, though she never had a drop of alcohol other than remnants on her husband's martini olives. Her social loving personality remained through her final days as she dined outside with her daughter and finally won at her last Bingo game!

She is survived by her son, James M. McCarten, and her daughter, Elizabeth M. Andrews, along with her grandchildren, Kathryn McCarten, Andrew McGregor, Grace Andrews, Dylan Andrews, and Sean Andrews. Betty is greatly missed by her family and the community at her residence. Her legacy of love, resilience, and adventure will be cherished by all who knew her.

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