

BERKING, SYLVIA

W'48 (Mrs. Milo Berking)

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BERKING, Sylvia Buell Sinclair Carr "Syl," Midlothian, Va., died peacefully in her sleep on February 7, 2015 after 85 years of living and loving life to the fullest. She was surrounded, both physically and spiritually, by her large, loving family. Born in Germantown, Pa. on August 28, 1929, she was the daughter of John and Mary Biddle Sinclair. She was raised in the Quaker faith and converted to Catholicism at the age of 19. For the rest of her life, she remained an active seeker in her Christian faith. She attended the Westtown School, Greenwich Academy and Bennington College before joining Sheed and Ward Publishing in New York City. On June 12, 1953, she married Stephen K. Carr and together, they raised their nine children in Larchmont, N.Y. They had a rich and loving life that lasted for more than 25 years. After the end of the marriage, Syl was reunited with a friend, Milo J. Berking, with whom she had grown up with in Greenwich, Conn. Married in 1992, they enjoyed travels to visit their children, the births of grandchildren, tennis and sailing. Their marriage lasted for more than 15 years before Milo's passing in 2007. Syl's greatest love and legacy can be found in her family, which included nine children, 23 grandchildren, 32 nieces and nephews, four stepchildren and eight stepgrandchildren. She made being a mother an honorable and enjoyable endeavor. She encouraged us to seek lasting and meaningful friendships. Her circle of family was ever-growing as she generously opened her heart and home to all. We are all grateful for the gift of life, laughter and love that she fostered. Her presence will be sorely missed. Syl was preceded in death by her parents, John and Mary Sinclair; her sister, Mary "Polly" Krakora; and her second husband, Milo J. Berking. Syl is survived by her nine loving children, Kate (Sandy) Heavenrich of Richmond, Va., Stephen (Debi) Carr of Ojai, Calif., Sylvia (Donald) Carr-Rubenstein of Walnut Creek, Calif., Dr. Deborah (Paul) Adamy of Nyack, N.Y., Matthew (Melissa) Carr of Midlothian, Va., Suzy (Christian) Weber of Midlothian, Va., Daniel (Kari Kaalstad) Carr of Fairfield, Conn., Elizabeth Carr (Dominick Gennusa) of Mamaroneck, N.Y., John (Abigail) Carr of New York, N.Y.; her stepchildren, Bobbie Berking-Dalzell (Dave Dalzell) of Providence, R.I., Carter (Adele) Berking of Hopkington, Mass., Christopher (Sheryl) Berking of Beverly, Mass. and Maggie (Bob) Daigle of Portland, Maine; as well as her brothers, David (Susan) Sinclair of Darien, Conn. and John (Lynn) Sinclair of Bainbridge Island, Wash.; her first husband, Stephen Carr of Pipersville, Pa.; her 23 grandchildren and eight stepgrandchildren. Her final years were spent at Spring Arbor of Salisbury. The family would like to thank everyone at Spring Arbor, as well as Visiting Angels and At-Home-Hospice Care for giving Syl the dignity and quality of life care we all deserve. There will be a memorial service to celebrate Syl's life on February 21, 2015, at 11 a.m. at the Catholic Church of the Epiphany, 11000 Smoketree Dr., Richmond, Va. 23236, with brief reception to follow. If you

wish to send flowers, you may contact the church at 804-794-0222. In lieu of flowers, we encourage donations be made to Fox House, a shelter for homeless women and children in Spanish Harlem. Continued... BERKING Continued Checks may be made payable to "Fox House" in memory of Syl.