

McCurdy, Katherine (Babcock) McCurdy

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1923 - 2017 Obituary Condolences

Pittsford: March 13, 2017. Born July 27, 1923 in Brooklyn, the cherished daughter of Charles Lynde and Katherine Kennedy Babcock. Predeceased by her beloved husband of 63 years, Gilbert Geier McCurdy; brother and sister-in-law, Charles Lynde and Edith Babcock; brother, William Kennedy Babcock; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Patricia McCurdy Morse and John W. Morse. She is survived by her son, Gilbert Kennedy McCurdy; daughter, Lynda McCurdy Hotra (Peter J.); granddaughters, Elizabeth H. Chaney (Matthew), Caroline H. Beck (Christopher), Katherine V. A. McCurdy (Shaun); great-grandson, William David Beck; nieces, Kate Sturman, Laura M. Hayden, Pamela M. Stewart (Scott); nephews, Charles L. (Chip) Babcock (Nancy Hamilton), John M. Morse (Erinne); as well as great-nieces and great-nephews.

Katherine (Katie) attended the Berkeley Institute in Brooklyn (now known as the Berkeley-Carroll School) and was a proud alumna of Smith College, '45. Her residency in Smith's Cushing House led to an enduring friendship with Pat McCurdy, who introduced her brother, Gil to Katie. Following Gil's service in the Army of Occupation in Japan, the couple married on November 9, 1946 and moved to Rochester where Gil joined the retail firm of McCurdy & Co. Katie, who described herself as a "people person," was vibrant, outgoing, and a dedicated volunteer. She served on the boards of Lewis Street Center, the Humane Society of Greater Rochester, and the Strong Museum. For over forty years, she volunteered at Strong Memorial Hospital, taking the library book cart around to patients. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Rochester, Rochester General Hospital's Calico Twig, the Junior League, the Hakkoreoth Book Club, and the Chatterbox Club. Her kindness, gracious nature, optimism, thoughtfulness, loyalty, and devotion to family, along with legendary friend-making and friend-keeping skills, are her inspiring legacy.

A celebration of Katie's life will be held Saturday, April 8, 11 AM at First Baptist Church of Rochester, 175 Allens Creek Road. There will be no calling hours. The interment was privately held at Riverside Cemetery, Rochester. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Strong Memorial Hospital, Medical Center Advancement, 300 East River Rd., Rochester 14627 or to The Smith Fund, Smith College Gift Accounting, Stoddard Annex, 23 Elm St., Northampton, MA 01063. To share a memory of Katherine or send a condolence to the family visit www.anthonychapels.com.

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