

STRONG, MALAN SWING

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Died in St. Augustine, FL on January 4, 2016 from complications due to a fall. She was born in Bronxville, NY in 1928 and attended Lincoln School at Columbia University. She graduated from Julia Richman High in New York City and Oberlin College. After working in an advertising agency, Malan married the love of her life, Hank Strong, in 1951. She remained his First Mate for the 56 years of their marriage. She was mother to Sigrid Reynolds(Curt), Barbara Kirk, Dana Strong and Henry Strong (Kathy) and she was Nana to 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Malan's multi-ethnic childhood in Harlem prepared her for 15 years as a foreign service spouse in Holland, Denmark and Indonesia and decades as a committed volunteer in the District of Columbia. She co-headed the District's City Hall Complaint Center, served on the Martin Luther King Library Board and committees of WETA and the National Cathedral. Her childhood acting and modeling studies were the foundation for her exuberant support of the performing arts, especially the Washington Ballet, Signature Theater and the GALA Hispanic Theater. She and Hank played key roles at the Kennedy Center and the National Symphony Orchestra. Malan was also an ardent, lifelong supporter of Planned Parenthood and an early advocate for sex education in schools. Compassion & Choices became a keen interest later in life. She listened to NPR daily, enjoyed tennis and ice skating events, and never missed Masterpiece Theatre. She loved flowers, sun in her face and waltzing with Hank any time and any place.

A memorial service is scheduled for April 13, 2016 at 10 A.M., at Bethlehem Chapel at the National Cathedral. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to the National Cathedral's Preservation and Restoration Repair Fund or any of Malan's other interests.

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