



## Adrienne Wheeler Rudge

December 15, 1941 - December 10, 2022

Adrienne Wheeler Rudge, a resident of Easton, MD, died December 10, 2022. She was 80.

Adrienne was born on December 15, 1941, to Betty Jean Hammond and Charles Elliot Wheeler. She grew up on her family's waterfront farm on Trippe Creek in Easton and graduated from The Country School, George School in Newtown, PA, and in 1963 from Wheaton College in Norton, MA. She received a Master's degree from the New York University School of Education.

After a year of teaching English at Dana Hall School in Wellesley, MA., Adrienne married Kit Rudge, and they moved to New York City in August 1964. She joined the faculty of Nightingale Bamford School while he practiced law. They moved to Chappaqua, NY, in 1975 where they raised their two sons, John and Andrew.

While living in Chappaqua, Adrienne served on the boards of several non-profit organizations, including the Mt. Kisco Child Care Center. She also served as president of the board of Planned Parenthood of Westchester/Rockland and as a founder and board member of the Northern Westchester Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence (now named Hope's Door). She and her family enjoyed their membership in the Seven Bridges Field Club and their participation in the Chappaqua Summer Scholarship

program for several years.

Adrienne became Director of Publications and Public Relations at The Masters School in 1988, retiring in 2001 when she moved to Easton, where she built a home on her family's farm. Her involvement in the local community has included board membership at Talbot Hospice and Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers. She enjoyed her participation in the Garden Club of the Eastern Shore and her membership in The Harbor Club, where she had a regular Friday afternoon bridge game with good friends. She was an active member and a trustee of Third Haven Friends Meeting.

During her retirement, she enjoyed traveling both nationally and internationally. She returned to New York City frequently to visit friends and family and to enjoy the theater and visits to the many museums in Manhattan.

Adrienne is survived by her son, John Rudge of White Plains, NY; her son Andrew Rudge and her daughter-in-law Shelley Jones Rudge of Chevy Chase, MD; her sisters, Lindsley Smith and Susan Wheeler, both of Easton, her brother Charles Wheeler of Berkeley, CA; and by her four grandchildren, Charlie, Elizabeth, Avery, and Kate Rudge. Kit Rudge died in 1995.

A memorial service will be held at Third Haven Friends Meeting at 405 South Washington Street in Easton in spring 2023 (date and time to follow).

Contributions in Adrienne's memory may be made to Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers, 133 N. Washington St, Easton, MD 21601 or to Talbot Hospice, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD, 21601.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Adrienne Wheeler Rudge*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Mrs Rudge was an inspiring and kind English teacher when I entered Nightingale Bamford School in 9th grade in 1967--I remember moments from her classes to this day.*

**Angelia Graf** - February 08, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ *Adrienne Wheeler Rudge*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Adrienne Wheeler Rudge*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Nancy Smith lit a candle in memory of Adrienne Wheeler Rudge*



**Nancy Smith** - December 23, 2022 at 10:06 AM

SP

“ I feel proud to have known a woman as special as Adrienne. I met her in 2010 when I became the Volunteer Coordinator at Talbot Hospice. Adrienne was President of the Board, but also volunteered as a receptionist, welcoming families in their most difficult times. She shopped for groceries for the hospice house and cooked breakfast for the patients. Some years after completing her first term, Adrienne was invited back to the hospice Board and served on the Executive Committee. Beneath her lovely and gracious demeanor, she was a smart, shrewd, strong, and fearless leader. She was committed to doing the right thing, no matter the cost. I want her grandchildren, whom she spoke of often, to know what a wonderful role model she was and a force in this community. She will be greatly missed.

*Susan Piggott*

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**Susan Piggott** - December 19, 2022 at 01:51 PM

MP

“ Adrienne was truly an amazing lady. I loved working with her from February 1994 until she retired from The Masters School. We continued to stay in touch via email and whenever she was in Dobbs Ferry we would often meet for coffee to catch up on life. Adrienne will be missed. My condolences to her family.

*Maryann Perrotta*

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**Maryann Perrotta** - December 14, 2022 at 01:36 PM

CL

“ Adrienne was a very kind and lovely person. She will be missed greatly

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**Connie Lewis** - December 13, 2022 at 09:41 AM

CM

“ *What a bright and lovely picture of Adrienne, showing her cheerful countenance.*

*I first met Adrienne in the 1990's at a meeting of the National Association of Girls Schools, held at the Masters School in New York. In the evening, Adrienne found me a quiet room to finalize a Gunston newsletter. She was accommodating and capable during the meeting.*

*Later, I encountered Adrienne often at the Harbor Club. She was always enjoyable to visit with and showed enthusiasm for her Friday bridge game.*

*I admire Adrienne's service to others. She had an outstanding background. It seems to run in the family.*

*My condolences to her family. Know that she will be missed. Tina Mills*

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**Christina Mills** - December 12, 2022 at 10:04 PM

MK

“ *What a warm and welcoming lady. Since, with few prior intros and connections , I joined the Harbor Club several years ago, Adrienne always welcomed me when I was at the Club making me feel comfortable, as awkward as I felt, at Club lunches and functions.*

*And we seemed to always share the same Harris Teeter schedule*

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*I will miss Adrienne, wishing her well as she has crossed over the Rainbow Bridge.*

*Mary*

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**Mary Kinney** - December 12, 2022 at 09:11 PM