



Elfriede "Elly" Wierda

December 22, 1922 - July 7, 2011

Elly Wierda of Rock Hall, MD died on July 7, 2011 at home after a short battle with cancer. She was 88 years old.

Born in Amsterdam, Holland on December 22, 1922, she was active in the Dutch Resistance during WWII and afterward went to Germany to search for valuable art pieces that had been stolen from the Dutch by the Nazis. Her work led in part to the arrest and conviction of Han van Meegeren, an artist who made millions by forging paintings attributed to Vermeer and other Dutch Masters.

On September 21, 1948 Elly married Donald Wierda. They lived in England and in Holland before moving to New York in 1954. Elly was a "perennial volunteer", always active in community work. Besides being involved in her children's schools and activities, Elly developed the Manhasset, NY schools Children's Theatre program and served on the Board of the Visiting Nurse Association for many years. The Wierdas moved to Rock Hall in 1983 when Don retired. Elly was an avid tennis player and made many lasting friendships on the court. She played several times a week until she was well into her 80s. She also served on the Board of KART, Kent Association of Riding Therapy, from 1983 until her death, as well as serving on the Board of the Humane Society of Kent County for several years.

Elly will be remembered for her great charm, intellect, kindness, and warmth, as well as her dry sense of humor.

She is survived by her children, Andrew Wierda and Marcia Halpern, Andrew's wife, Zsuzsa, Marcia's husband Phil; grandsons, Nick, Griffin, Moose and Gator, and granddaughter Emma.

Elly and her family wish to thank all her dear friends for their tremendous love, support and frequent visits during her illness. A gathering of friends and family will be held on Thursday, July 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the McLain Atrium in the Toll Science Center of Washington College, Chestertown, MD.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to KART, P.O. Box 126, Worton, MD 21678, or to the Humane Society of Kent County, P.O. Box 352, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Tribute Wall



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