



Elizabeth Duckworth Copeland

December 13, 1917 - June 1, 2016

Elizabeth Duckworth Copeland of Chestertown, MD, formerly of Newport, RI, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Wednesday, June 1, 2016.

Born in Providence, RI, on December 13, 1917, the daughter of the late Robert York and Janet Muir Duckworth, sister of the late Anne Brokaw (Robert). She was a graduate of Classical High School and Pembroke College (Brown University).

In 1939, she married Earl Alexander Powell, Jr., who predeceased her in 1947, as a result of injuries sustained in World War II. In 1956, Elizabeth married Preston Sumner Copeland, and they were married for 32 years, residing in Woods Hole, MA, and Newport, RI, prior to Preston's death in 1988.

Known as Betsy to her friends, she will most be remembered for her beauty, sharp intellect, independence, humor, memory, and her love for her family. Always stylish and up for a good party, she loved to sew, travel, play tennis, win at the bridge table, and enjoyed telling a good story. Betsy was a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church, The Newport Garden Club, Bailey's Beach Club, The Clambake Club, and Redwood Library.

She survived by her children, Earl Alexander Powell, III, (Nancy), Director of the National Gallery of Art of Washington, DC, and Easton, MD, and Janet Powell McDonough of Garden City, NY, and Bonita Springs, FL; grandchildren, Cortney Chaite (Maurice), Peter Copeland, Jr., Donald McDonough, III (Robin), Jeffrey Copeland (Kelly), Elizabeth McDonough, Channing Powell-Soverow (Jon), Sumner Powell; and nine great-grandchildren. Her stepson, Peter Davidson Copeland, predeceased her in 1983. Her son-in-law, Donald McDonough, Jr., predeceased her in 2009.

At the age of 98, Betsy's friends spanned every generation. She will be greatly missed by all.

A graveside ceremony at the Church of the Messiah, Woods Hole, MA, will take place on Thursday, June 9th at 10 a.m. There will be a memorial service at Trinity Episcopal Church, Newport, RI, on Saturday, August 6, 2016, at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations should be made to the LUNGeivity Foundation, 228 S. Wabash Ave., Suite 700, Chicago, IL 60604.

Tribute Wall



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“ *Elizabeth Duckworth Copeland*

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“ *Elizabeth Duckworth Copeland*

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“ *Every visit with Betts was a party & we laughed all the time! She was truly a great lady, strong, beautiful, charming & FUN! We shall all miss Betts greatly & our hearts are with Jan, Liz, Don, Robin, Rusty, Nancy, Courtney, Channing, Sumner & their families. Much Love, Jane & John Tuck, John, Tim & Christopher*

Jane & John Tuck & Family - June 05, 2016 at 12:04 PM