



Erica Boardman Woodman

January 22, 2002

Erica Woodman, of Oxford, died at Memorial Hospital at Easton on Tuesday, January 22, 2002. She was 85.

Born Mary Boardman in Muskogee, Oklahoma, September 3, 1916, her name was later changed to Esther at the request of her paternal grandmother. While one of three children of the late Arthur Gerry Boardman and Mary Tallman, she lost a younger sister, Jeannette, at 15 months.

She spent some of her childhood in Chicago, but went with her parents to Europe while she was quite young so that her father could study voice in order to sing opera. She was educated at various schools in France.

Erica grew up in Europe and changed her name in the thirties from Esther to Erica. She returned to the United States as a young adult and began working in New York for Pan American Airways.

She met and eventually married, Dr. DeGraaf Woodman, and, as she put it in a letter to a friend, I was “snatched from a mundane job at PanAm by one DeGraaf Woodman, eventually marrying him, making my life a very exciting experience, for which I am grateful.”

Mrs. Woodman was a long-time member of The Audubon Society and

Alcoholics Anonymous.

Mrs. Woodman is survived by her stepson, John Woodman and his wife, Lynn of Ellicott City, two grandchildren and their spouses – Joe and Marla Woodman, Meg and Marty Rhodes, and two great-grandchildren; a brother, Arthur Boardman and his wife, Patricia, of Deming, NM.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, January 25, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., Easton.

Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the Eastern Shore Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 212 W. Main St., Salisbury, MD 21801; the Humane Society of Talbot County, P.O. Box 1143, Easton, MD 21601 or your favorite charity.

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