



Harriet Louise Schmitt

August 30, 1922 - May 14, 2015

Harriet Louise Schmitt age 92, a retired antiques dealer and homemaker, died Thursday, May 14, 2015 at Berkeley Square in Hamilton. The daughter of William Rankin Sneed, a Hamilton businessman and owner of the Valley Ice Co., and Sallie Griffith Sneed, Harriet Louise Sneed was born and raised in Hamilton. After graduating from High School in Hamilton, she attended Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. She married Capt. George T. (Ted) Schmitt, USAAF, on February 16, 1945 in Hamilton. The couple left Hamilton so that Ted could complete his education as a geologist. During this period, they had two sons, Theodore Rankin and William Andrew. Following Mr. Schmitt's employment as a geologist by Sohio, the couple moved to Midland, Texas for a brief period before finally settling in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where they raised their family. While in Oklahoma, Mrs. Schmitt worked at several jobs outside the home, including a position with a local Montessori School. In 1976, after Mr. Schmitt's retirement, the couple was able to pursue a long time dream to open an antique business. They chose Fairhaven, Ohio as the location for their new home and business. Their renovated 1840 farmhouse quickly became a showpiece in the village. While there, Mrs. Schmitt was instrumental in the organization and managing of the annual Fairhaven Antiques Festival, which drew hundreds of visitors each year. In addition to their shop in Fairhaven, the couple traveled to numerous antique shows in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic areas, acquiring a reputation for their knowledge of 1780 to 1840 American and British antiques, especially sterling

and coin silver. They enjoyed traveling in England with friends and did so on a number of occasions. Their stay in Fairhaven lasted 35 years until they moved, in 2010, to Berkeley Square. Mrs. Schmitt was a life-long member of the Episcopal Church and she was proud of the fact that her grandfather was an Episcopal minister. She was baptized at Trinity Church in Hamilton, which she attended while she was growing up. She was an active member of Holy Trinity Church in Oxford when she lived in Fairhaven. In addition to her numerous church activities, she enjoyed attending regular meetings of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the P.E.O. She is survived by her sons, Theodore R. (Ann Marie DeBiase) Schmitt, Catonsville, Maryland and William A. (Viktoria Page) Schmitt, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and two grandchildren, Katherine A. (Chip) Sullivan, Gainesville Virginia and T. R. (Rebecca) Schmitt, Arlington, Virginia and one great grandchild, Andrew John Sullivan. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ted, and her brother Dr. William Rankin Sneed, Jr. A memorial service will be held Friday, May 22, 2015 at 10a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 115 N. 6th Street, Hamilton, Ohio 45011 with The Reverend Suzanne LeVesconte officiating. A reception will follow at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church 25 E. Walnut Street, Oxford, Ohio 45056. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to either Trinity Episcopal, Hamilton or Holy Trinity, Oxford or Hospice of Cincinnati, 4310 Cooper Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242. Online condolences are available at www.weigelfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Service

MAY 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Episcopal Church
115 N. 6th Street
Hamilton, OH 45011

Reception for Family and Friends

MAY 22. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
25 E. Walnut Street
Oxford, OH 45056

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harriet Louise Schmitt.*



May 21, 2015 at 07:05 AM



“ *Denise Anson lit a candle in memory of Harriet Louise Schmitt*



Denise Anson - May 17, 2015 at 03:24 PM



“ *We send our condolences to the family and many good friends that knew Harriet and Ted. We knew them very well and spent lots of time traveling together and buying or selling antiques. Our trips to England were especially memorable! It is difficult to believe that both of them are gone now, but we are comforted by the knowledge that they are together again.*

*Diana and Jim Eyre
Sonoma, CA*

Diana Eyre - May 17, 2015 at 02:38 PM