



Diana Mylles Sanford

December 13, 1923 - May 3, 2021

Diana Mylles Sanford, 97, died peacefully at her daughter's home in Decatur, Georgia surrounded by family on May 3, 2021. Visitation will be held on Friday, May 7 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Morrison Funeral Home, Tuscumbia. The family will hold private services at a later date.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Bill Sanford; daughter, Carol Sanford Fentriss; son, Randy Sanford; granddaughter, Elizabeth Pitts; and her beloved sisters and brother, Jacqueline Mylles, Pamela Weirengo, and Ian Mylles.

She is survived by her daughter, Claire Sanford Pitts; son, Ian Sanford; grandchildren, Beth Fentriss, Jennifer Fentriss Beall (Matt), Barbara Pitts Cook (Robin), Julia Sanford, Tabb Sanford and Nicholas Pitts.

Di was born on December 13, 1923 in New Castle, England and spent most of her childhood in Paris, France. She and her family relocated to Sydney, Australia during World War II where she met and married a charming young lieutenant in the US Army, Bill Sanford. When the war ended she boarded a ship, organized by the Red Cross for war brides, with her one year old daughter, Carol, and set sail for San Francisco. From there they took a train bound for Decatur, Alabama where they met Bill who drove them to Sheffield, Alabama which would be her home for the next 76 years.

Di acclimated to small town life with the help of Bill's aunt and uncle, Liz and Fred Ashe, and many others in the community who quickly became beloved friends and neighbors. In Sheffield, she and Bill raised their four children, enjoyed a vibrant social life, and continually found ways to give back to their community.

Di was an avid reader, enjoyed studying history, was a patron of the arts, and especially loved to dance. She was a wonderful hostess, loved entertaining, and had a way of making every occasion feel special. She played tennis into her 80s and continued traveling internationally into her 90s.

She was adored by her family, to whom she passed on her love of traveling and her generous spirit. They will most miss her smile, her infectious laughter, her beautiful accent, and the joy of being in her presence.

The family extends special thanks to Minnie Shaw and Bobbie Chapman for their love and care for Di over the past few years.

If you would like to honor her memory, her family requests donations to the Sheffield Public Library, Tennessee Valley Art Association, or the charity of your choice.

Cemetery

Oakwood Cemetery, Sheffield

3523 Jackson Hwy

Sheffield, AL,

Events

MAY **Visitation** 05:30PM - 07:30PM

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Morrison Funeral Home - Tuscumbia

825 N Main St, Tuscumbia, AL, US, 35674

Comments



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Diana Mylles Sanford.



May 07, 2021 at 08:43 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Diana Mylles Sanford.



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“ My first memory of Diana was when I was about 6 years old staying at my grandmother's house, Inez Foerg. We went to her best friend, Liz Ashe's house for coffee (juice for me). Diana was there and I was fascinated by the way she talked. Brownie Streater teased me for years because that day I had tried to imitate Mrs. Diana and had failed miserably!!

Sandy Walker Freeman
(Daughter of the late Jackie Foerg Walker)

Sandy Freeman - May 06, 2021 at 01:58 AM