



Catherine Susan Carroll

February 15, 1919 - March 16, 2014

Catherine Susan Carroll died Sunday, March 16, in Inova Hospital in Fairfax, Va., from complications following a fall. She had been living at Greenspring Village in Springfield, Va.

“Kay” to her friends and neighbors, she was born in Chelsea, Wis., on February 15, 1919, to Edward and Mabel Prien. Once grown, she demonstrated her independent personality by moving alone to Washington, DC, where she attended George Washington University, and also studied dramatic arts. She worked for more than one Congressional staff as well as the War Department. She met Albert Carroll in Washington and the two were married on July 2, 1942. When Mr. Carroll enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Forces in 1943 she began traveling with him around the country to the many air bases where he received his training before he was sent overseas.

Following the war, Mr. Carroll's career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation kept the couple moving around the country. They lived in Washington, D.C., Chicago, Ill., Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, Miami, Fla., and Cherry Hill, N.J. Everywhere they went, Mrs. Carroll worked in a local school or school district office, where she could apply her organizational and management skills. Once both were retired in 1986 they moved to Corvallis, Ore., where they enjoyed many new friends and the beautiful Oregon environment.

Throughout her life Mrs. Carroll enjoyed being on stage. When a suitable role for her talents wasn't available in a local production, she often volunteered to work behind the scenes for whatever local theater group was available. She also volunteered for the American Red Cross blood drives, the Corvallis Welcome Wagon, and the Good Samaritan Hospital auxiliary. She has been a member of a local Methodist church wherever she lived, and was regularly involved in church activities. As her grandfather had been a lighthouse keeper on Lake Superior, she became a member of the U.S. Lighthouse Society and enjoyed traveling with its members to lighthouses around the world, including England, Ireland, France, Italy, and New Zealand.

Mrs. Carroll was preceded in death by her husband Albert, who died in 1989. She is survived by a son, Philip Carroll of Gladstone, Ore., a daughter, Susan Carroll of Bethesda, Md., six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. A cousin, Ken Bell, lives in Bellingham Wash., and another, Donna Cross, is in Wake Forest, N.C.

Private family interment will be at Oaklawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Corvallis, Ore.

There was no cause more dear to her heart than that of the military veterans organization championed by her son Phil: the Vietnam Security Police Association, Inc. Donations (tax deductible) in her honor can be made to: VSPA, c/o Treasurer Richard Garcia, 400 Jefferson St., Massapequa, NY 11758.