



Anne Longfellow Dickinson

September 17, 1919 - September 30, 2013

Anne Longfellow Dickinson, 94, passed away Monday, September 30, 2013 in Northbrook, IL. She was born in Cambridge, MA at a house in Longfellow Park where she spent her early childhood. She was a great granddaughter of the poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Later her family moved to Boston where she met her husband to be, William R. Dickinson, Jr., a Lieutenant in the U.S. Coast Guard. She was educated at St. Timothy's School in Stevenson, MD and studied music at Radcliffe College for three years before leaving to take a job at a Polaroid factory making gun sights in 1943. After her marriage in 1945, she moved to the Chicago area with her husband where she lived in Lake Forest for over 60 years. She played the double bass in the Evanston Symphony and the Lake Forest Symphony, served on a number of Women's Boards including the Field Museum and Passavant Hospital and plied her literary and musical skills writing papers for The Coterie and arranging music for a number of groups including The Clumsy Mumsies of Lake Forest. Surviving are her 3 children, Amy Dickinson (Jim Futransky) of Libertyville, Anna (John) Warren of Metamora, MI and William (Marcy) Dickinson of Bloomfield Village, MI; 6 Grandchildren, R. Booth (McKenzie) Platt, Anne (Ryan) Barrows, Benjamin Futransky, Sita (Justin Kestler) Satyadhara, Elizabeth (Rob) Thiel and Charles Warren; 4 Great Grandchildren, William & Olin Platt and Martha & Jane Barrows; and by her sister, Helen K. Glancy. She is preceded in death by her husband, William R. Dickinson, Jr. and also by 2 brothers, Robert & Gilbert Knowles. A memorial

service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, October 14, 2013 at the First Presbyterian Church, 219 W. Maple Avenue in Libertyville. Arrangements made by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home Ltd., Libertyville. Memorial contributions can be made to the Evanston Symphony, P.O. Box 778, Evanston, IL 60204, Friends of the Longfellow House, 105 Brattle St., Cambridge, MA 02138 or St. Timothy School, Attn: Office of Development, 8400 Greenspring Ave., Stevenson, MD 21153. For info: 847-362-3009 or sign the guestbook at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

WM

“ I am sadden with the news of the passing of your brilliant mother. Both Bill & Anne were good friends of my parents (Don & Dottie) of Lake Forest. They certainly enjoyed Bill & Anne's wonderful hospitality during those many memorable weekends at Dune Lakes. On behalf of the McKellar boys, I pass on their deepest sympathies.

Winston

Winston McKellar - April 27, 2018 at 03:46 AM



“ Amy, Anna and Will....so many warm memories of your Mom. New Years, Hymn sing, shoodling, needlepoint lessons, bridge and so much more. Please know that my thoughts are with you. Much love, Kate (Pew Wolters)

April 27, 2018 at 03:46 AM

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“ I am very sorry for the loss of your mother. I worked at Wilson & McIlvaine back in the 60's for your father and felt I knew your family as he was such a proud father and husband. Please accept my sympathy.

Shirley Friedlander - April 27, 2018 at 03:46 AM

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“ Grief can be so hard, but our special memories help us cope. Remembering you and your loved one today and always.

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“ Amy, Anna and Will, Your Mom's stories were always the best! She is sorely missed. I have such wonderful memories of working on the Chicago Club Library with her and Hymn Sing! My love to all of you.
Sarah Parsons

April 27, 2018 at 03:46 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please find peace and comfort in knowing God cares for you and will help you in your time of need. 1 Pet. 5:7.

October 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I did not know Anne but noted her work during WWII in connection with the gunsight program, in which Polaroid pioneered the employment of women to do some rather complex tasks previously assigned to men, and optical experts at that. There were skeptics about how well women would adapt to the exacting work, but their quality work ended that. It appears that Anne was one of those pioneers in this WWII project.

My condolences to the family, and if anyone would like to tell me more about her work at Polaroid, or any stories/pictures of that era, I'd be grateful.

*Larry Hughes
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October 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM