



Ada Gertrude Tuttle

December 24, 1916 - July 1, 2013

Ada Gertrude Tuttle died peacefully, surrounded by loving family members, on July 1, 2013, at Embracing Hospice in Snellville, Ga., following a brief illness. She was 96 years old.

Mrs. Tuttle was born on December 24, 1916 in the Elmhurst section of Queens, New York City. Her parents were the late Blanche (Gardner) and William Schildknect. Her mother passed away soon after giving birth, and her father, unable to care for his daughter on his own, asked her maternal aunt and uncle, Ada (Gardner) and Edward Michenfelder to raise her.

She grew up in Montclair, N.J. and spent summers at Windy Acres, the family farm near Brattleboro, Vermont with her grandmother and cousins. She graduated from Montclair High School in 1935 and attended Berkeley Secretarial School in East Orange, N.J.

She married her high school sweetheart, Colton Miller Tuttle, on May 29, 1939. They had three sons, John Porter Tuttle, George Gardner Tuttle and Richard Miller Tuttle and a daughter, Wendy Lee Tuttle, who died as a newborn.

Mrs. Tuttle was a homemaker and became an avid golfer, playing at the Glen Ridge Country Club, Glen Ridge, N.J. When the family moved to Vineland, N.J. in 1962, she volunteered with the Red Cross, played golf at Buena Vista Country Club and joined the local garden club, often winning awards for her beautiful arrangements.

She and her husband became avid boaters, enjoying trips on their boats,

Marnie II and Adaco, to the Chesapeake Bay. They were members of the Corinthian Yacht Club of Cape May, N.J. and the U.S. Power Squadron and its auxiliary.

They retired to Cape May in 1974 and she became an accomplished craftswoman and volunteer at Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts and the Episcopal Church of the Advent. They welcomed family members each summer to their home, where countless memories were made.

After Mr. Tuttle's death in 1984, Mrs. Tuttle remained in Cape May, working at a gift shop, volunteering, gardening and playing bridge with friends.

In 1994, at age 78, she moved to Acton, Mass. to live with her son and daughter-in-law, John and Nancye Tuttle.

She was a member of the Acton Women's Club and Acton Senior Center, where she made many friends. She was a long-time volunteer with the Acton Community Supper Food Pantry and continued to play bridge and garden. She enjoyed attending musicals in Boston with her daughter-in-law and memorized the score to Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, her favorite show.

In her early-80s, she bought a white Mustang convertible and was often seen driving around town with the top down. Every Christmas Eve, the family held an open house to celebrate Mom-Mom's birthday, the name she was affectionately called by her family and their friends.

For the past four years, she made her home with her youngest son, Richard Tuttle, in Lilburn, Ga., enjoying his garden and deck and visiting with neighbors.

She was a passionate sports fan, following football, golf and tennis regularly on television. An avid reader, she loved romance novels and never missed her daily newspaper.

She leaves her sons John and his wife Nancye of Acton, Mass. and Wells, Maine; George and his wife Corinne, of Southlake, Texas and Richard, of Lilburn, Ga. A devoted grandmother, she leaves six grandchildren, Tammy Nishida and her husband Paul, Danette Trett and her husband Blair, Wendy

Tuttle, Heather Matthews and her husband John, Maria Tuttle and Colton Tuttle and his wife Aileen and seven great-grandchildren, Rozaline Trett, Colton Nishida, Jack Matthews, Kai Nishida, Cody Trett, Molly Matthews and Claire Matthews. She also leaves several dear friends.

No visiting hours are planned. The family will hold a memorial service for her at a later date in Cape May, N.J. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Lilburn Cooperative Ministry, 5329 Five Forks Trickum Rd., S.W., Lilburn, Ga. 30047; Acton Community Supper and Food Pantry, P.O. Box 2098, Acton, MA 01720; or The American Cancer Society, Central New England Region, 43 Nagog Park, Suite, 110, Acton, MA 01720. Arrangements made by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 2246 Wisteria Drive, Snellville, GA 30078, 770-979-5010. Please sign online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com

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“ *Ada Gertrude Tuttle*

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