



Maria B. Livingston

April 8, 1919 - July 24, 2022

Maria Burroughs Livingston died peacefully at home, surrounded by loving children and grandchildren, on Sunday, July 24, 2022, at the age of 103.

She was born Maria May Burroughs in Richmond, Virginia on April 8, 1919. An All State field hockey player in high school, she recalled with special fondness the fall afternoons spent running with abandon down the playing field. She graduated from Sweet Briar College in 1940 with a BA in Music.

On January 9, 1942 Maria married Henry H. Livingston, Jr., and had four children, which they raised in New England. In 1956 the family settled in New York City and Hudson, New York. In the city, she worked in administration at The Day School and the development office at The Brearley School. After retiring she moved to Hudson full time. In 1966 and beyond, she was instrumental in saving Olana, the home of her great-grandfather, Frederic Church, and was a founder of the Friends of Olana.

She was married to Henry for 66 years, until his death in 2008. She is survived by her daughter Isabel Church Livingston, of Hudson; her son Henry H. Livingston III, of Hudson and Marblehead, MA; her son Richard Livingston, of Hudson; and daughter Catharine Livingston Tyler, also of Hudson. She has eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Maria was beloved in every community she became a part of, known for her warmth, sense of fairness, hilarious humor—especially when anyone got too serious—and kindness for all. She had a lyric soprano voice, loved playing the piano and listening to the birds. All green things thrived under her care. She was happiest digging in her garden and being with family, young and old, near and far.

For those who wish, memorial contributions in Maria's name may be made to The Olana Partnership.