



Colette Frech Roan

March 8, 2016

Colette Frech Roan, 87, of Dobbs Ferry, New York died on March 8th, 2016 in Sarasota, Florida.

A service in the garden was held at St Thomas More Church, Gulf Gate, Sarasota on Wednesday, April 6th at 8.30 a.m. Toale Brothers are handling the funeral arrangements.

Flower donations accepted at The Highlands, The Glenridge, for the residents to enjoy.

Colette was born in Zurich, Switzerland. Her first children's book was published when she was 17 years old, and she went on to study French Literature at the Sorbonne university, Paris, France. She later managed a hotel in the Swiss alps. It was here she met her American husband to be – Joseph Gordon Roan, from Summit, New Jersey, just after WW2. He said they hit it off after he went to "complain to the manager."

Colette and Gordon had a fascinating life, and retained a close marriage. They followed Banking work postings in both comfortable and hardship cities including Paris, Berlin, Oslo, Venice, New York, Beirut, Jeddah, and Karachi.

They settled in Dobbs Ferry, New York to raise a family. Here Colette

continued her pursuit of charitable community work, taught French, and always remained compassionate toward the needs of animals and disadvantaged people. She was happily able to pursue her love of skiing at Windham Mountain, N.Y, Flaine, French Alps, and at Snowmass/Aspen, Colorado.

Colette is survived by her three children – Coleen, Gordon, Frank, and her three grandchildren- Katharine, Jessica, Nicole, and by her brother Mark Nir, and his three children - Tamar, Daphna, and Natalia.