



Elinor Taylor Winters

August 21, 2017

Elinor Taylor Winters—loving wife to Ralph, devoted mother of Richard and Lisa and stepmother of Randy and Paul, and gracious grandmother of six—passed away on August 21 in Sarasota. She was 83.

Elinor was born in Atlanta to Florence Faus Taylor and William Harrison Taylor. She attended Agnes Scott College and graduated a Tar Heel from the University of North Carolina. Following her studies, she went to work for American Viscose Corporation, where she met her beloved husband. She later joined the Central Intelligence Agency, taking a vow never to reveal her duties there, a vow she never broke despite playful attempts by her family to extract even the smallest of details.

But Elinor was known for more than her spy tactics. She had a delightful, infectious laugh that lit up a room. She loved animals, from her cherished family pets, to the foxes and deer roaming her neighborhood, the birds splashing in her birdbath, and the beautiful sandhill cranes of Florida. (Her evening frog hunts with grandchildren were legendary.) Elinor's athleticism shone on the tennis court, one time winning a ladies doubles championship at the American Women's Club of Geneva, Switzerland. Her faithfulness to friends was matched only by her devotion to family. Elinor's sweetness and love will be missed.

Elinor is survived by sister Jeanne Ramsay, husband Ralph Winters, son

Richard Winters, daughter Lisa Doyle, stepsons Randy Winters and Paul Winters, and grandchildren Emily Winters, Betsy Winters, Molly Winters, Maddie Doyle, Ellie Doyle, and Tucker Doyle.

A funeral service will be held September 16 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, Illinois, where Elinor was a member since 1969 and for thirty years a hard-working volunteer of the church's annual Rummage Sale for missions.

Donations in Elinor's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Elinor was a delight to be with. She was sweet and funny and we had some great times playing golf together. She is greatly missed.*

Kathy Groom - September 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our prayers and condolences for you and Elinor. She is at peace.*

Mike Richmond - August 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. At the end of each life is a legacy of love and memories. Hold tight to those memories.*
Psalms 90:10

August 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM