



Valerie (nee Stacy) Terris

January 4, 1930 - December 2, 2019

Valerie (nee Stacy) Terris of Sarasota, FL

Born Jan. 4, 1930; entered eternal life: December 2, 2019

A native of Milwaukee, WI, Valerie is preceded in death by her loving and devoted husband, George Thomas Terris. She is survived by her son, Stacy George Terris, (Susan), her daughter, Poppy Terris Spencer, (Geoff); grandchildren, Kimberly Goldman, (Brian), Kelly Wabiszewski, (William), Clayton S. Terris, Christopher G. Terris, George Thomas Terris, II, Molly Spencer; and two great-granddaughters.

Valerie attended Milwaukee University School, class of 1948 and attended Rollins College graduating in 1951.

In Milwaukee, Valerie was a board member of the former Layton School of Art, now Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, and also served on the Milwaukee Symphony board. She was an interior designer and owned an antique shop, the Blue Whale, in Thiensville, WI. Along with her husband George, she was an avid tennis player at the Town Club, a golfer at Ozaukee Country Club, and a member of the Milwaukee Club.

In 1975, Valerie and her husband began spending time on Longboat Key, FL, and in 1995, she and George made Sarasota their permanent home.

In Sarasota, Valerie was actively involved as a board member of Designing Women Boutique and the Asolo Repertory Theatre. Valerie was a competitive Silver Life Master Bridge player, and enjoyed playing golf at Sara Bay Country Club, as well as socializing with members at Bird Key Yacht Club.

Valerie and her husband loved traveling through the European countryside every year, with a particular fondness for motoring through France, and on several occasions, sharing the journeys with their children and grandchildren.

Whether it was at the bridge table, the French countryside or a social event, Valerie loved life. Valerie's flair and zest for life was easily recognized by one of her dozens of flowers that she wore every day on her silk blouses. She was adored by many, especially her family and friends.

Services are private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to Ringling College of Art and Design, 2700 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota FL, 34234; and the Asolo Repertory Theatre, 5555 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL, 34243.

Tribute Wall

LK

“ Dear Poppy and Family,
We were so saddened to hear of Valerie’s passing. Your Mother was quite a Lady always wearing a smile. Kerry and I enjoyed being your Mom and Dad’s neighbors for many years and we have missed them dearly.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
LuAnne and Kerry Kirschner

LuAnne Kirschner - December 09, 2019 at 11:11 AM

MC

“ Dear Poppy and Family,
How sad it was for me to read this mornings paper and learn that a great lady was no longer with us. John and I have so many fond memories of our friendship with your parents. Her entertaining was legendary and so much fun. Her astute keen sense of style was her trademark with everything she did! How many shops we visited looking for the perfect object or piece of furniture to make something “Fabulous” ! I have many of those objects in my home that will serve to remind me of a wonderful friendship with a truly wonderful Lady!
We share in your loss with much sadness!
Mall & John Chaney

Mall Chaney - December 08, 2019 at 10:09 AM

DO

“ Dear Poppy and family -
I’ll miss my dinners with Valerie and will really miss her friendship. She was so devoted to her family and treasured her friendships. I’m so sad for our loss! She truly was a great lady.

Dorothy Ozburn

Dorothy Ozburn - December 08, 2019 at 09:53 AM

BG

“ Dear Family,

I'm sorry we never met, but we were friends with Valerie and George at Sara Bay CC. Among the many memories of our time with your folks, our fondest is that of your Mom imitating Carol Channing at our annual Dance of the Decades shindigs. I was always taken by her performance especially since her "Dolly" exuded all the charm Valerie really showed every day. She will be missed.

Bob & Wendy Grady - December 08, 2019 at 09:42 AM