



Anne Geiger Graham

May 30, 1928 - October 6, 2018

We mourn the loss of our mother Anne Geiger Graham (May 30, 1928 – Oct 6, 2018) who, after 90 years of life filled with joy, sadness, laughter, surprises, cherished friendships, and love, died quietly in her sleep at the Masonic Home of Kentucky in Louisville, where she had most recently resided, and went to join those whom she called “the people in the balcony.”

Born in Louisville and raised there and in Anchorage, Anne was the second daughter of Thomas Mitchell Geiger and his wife Emma Fairleigh. Several years after Tom’s death in 1940, Emma remarried and Horace Allen, Jr. became the much-loved stepfather to two lively teenage girls.

Anne graduated from Atherton High School for Girls in 1945 and briefly attended U of L where she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. On Dec 21, 1948 she married Seldon Robert Graham, whom she had known since their days together at Anchorage School, and with him raised three daughters and two sons as the family lived variously in Kentucky, New York, Ohio and California.

Having left U of L to marry and raise her family, she returned years later to complete her bachelor’s degree in 1976. Following S.R.’s death she studied at the Episcopal seminary CDSP in Berkeley, California where she earned a Master of Divinity degree in 1988.

As a widow, Anne showed her children and grandchildren what an independent minded woman was capable of. She moved to coastal Oregon, spent time travelling in the South Pacific, and studied Spanish in Mexico. However, her Kentucky roots ran deep and in 1997 she moved to Paducah where she lived with her faithful friend Koda the border collie until only a few months before her death. She loved Paducah, which she said reminded her of the Louisville of her youth.

Anne was not especially fond of cooking but she could make a mean mint julep! She loved Mark Twain, rivers, sailing, reading, kale greens, good conversation, and crossword puzzles. She was skilled enough to knit in a darkened movie theater and not miss the show. She was a descendant of Kentucky pioneers, and honored to be named a Kentucky Colonel.

Anne was preceded in death by her parents and stepfather, her sister Betty Geiger Riley, her husband, two infant grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends. As she had

hoped, she is survived by all five of her children -- Anne Graham Mahoney (John) of Novato CA, Kate Graham Bartholomew (Peter) of Dana Point CA, Seldon Robert Graham, Jr. (Lynn) of Louisville, Laura Graham Miller (Gary) of Florence OR, and Ian Thomas Allen Graham of Louisville. She also leaves her niece Mary Riley Davy and nephew John Riley. Carrying her legacy into the future are her grandchildren Meighan, Sarah, Anne, Katherine, Peter, Owen, Evie, Hunter, Liz, James, Drury, and Courtenay and her great-grandchildren Max, Finnegan, Stella, Maya, Gavin, Rupert, Liam, Sonia, and Veronica. The family is especially grateful to her friend Rita McKeel of Paducah and to Ginny Kirchhoff Elmore and family and the entire staff at Kirchhoff's Bakery in Paducah. Private services are under the direction of Pearson's in Louisville.

Donations to Hildegard House in Louisville are welcome, but the most important memorial remembrance you can make is to listen to others with an open heart, treat them as you would wish to be treated, and pray for peace in this world.