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Priscilla (Percy) Donaldson Edwards Browning

February 16, 1935 – January 13, 2021



Percy was born in New York, NY on February 16, 1935. Preceded in death by her parents Russell Edwards and Martha Joe Swain, her son-in-law Dr. Patrick M. Riley, and her former husband Robert E. Browning. She is survived by her sister Connie (George) Mitchell of Bayport, NY, and her four children: Liz Riley of Columbus OH, Keith (Pam) Browning of Dayton OH, Russell (Tui) Browning of St. Louis MO, and Peter (Ursula) Browning of Ithaca NY. In addition, she is survived by her 14 grandchildren: Kate (Andy) Talcott, Meg (Jackson) Roberts, Trevor (Natalie) Browning, Lex (Katie) Browning, Carly, Russell Jr., Sarah, Liza, Michael and John Browning, Karinna, Cecile, Annika, and Cyrus Kurman-Browning; 7 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Percy was raised in West Sayville, NY, attended Sayville High and then Cornell University graduating in 1956 with a BA in English from the College of Arts & Sciences. She later earned an MA in Psychology in 1986 from the University of Bridgeport.

Percy married Bob Browning in 1957 and raised her family in Maysville, KY, where she was affiliated with numerous organizations including the Maysville Players, Mason County High School Choir and co-founded the Limestone Youth Orchestra. She was involved in the Mason County Fund, and a director for the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra.

In 1994, Percy moved to Ithaca NY, and continued her devotion to Cornell, as an enthusiastic patron and tireless advocate of music and the arts at the university. She was also very actively involved, and in leadership roles with the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, Community Foundation of Tompkins County, Finger Lakes Land Trust, Ithaca Rotary, Kitchen Theatre Company, and the Paleontological Research Institution. In 2004 Percy was recognized as Philanthropist of the Year for Tompkins County from the AFP.

Guestbook at Bangs Funeral Home: www.bangsfuneralhome.com. Her full obituary can be found at the Bangs Funeral Home website. A memorial celebration to follow when it will be safer to be together.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to recognize her life to The Maysville Players PO Box 537 Maysville, KY 41056 or the Kitchen Theatre Company 417 W. State St. Ithaca, NY 14850.