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Georgia Elizabeth Mudd Britt, PhD



Georgia Elizabeth Mudd Britt, PhD of St. Louis, born to Dorothy Riddle Morse “Dotty” and Dayton Henry “D.H.” Mudd, Jr. on September 9, 1940, passed away Monday, July 3, 2017.

She was preceded in death by her beloved son Robert Alexander “Alec” Britt.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Robert Emmet Britt, her cherished daughters Georgia Morse Britt of St. Louis and Dorothy Britt Scanlan (Sean Michael) of Brooklyn, New York and her much loved granddaughters, Katherine Morse Scanlan, Clara Britt Scanlan and Michelle Antoinette Conley of Salt Lake City, Utah. She is also survived by her two devoted sisters, Dail Mudd Loyd (Mark Rudder) and Dorothy “Darcie” Mudd Witherspoon (James Tomlin), and a loving brother, Dayton Henry Mudd III (Lee Ann Fildes) and many dear nieces, nephews and cousins.

Georgia was born in St. Louis, and at an early age moved to Quincy, Illinois and Kankakee, Illinois. She lived in Sioux Falls, South Dakota for seven years; two years in Marquette, Michigan and a year in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, before returning home to St. Louis. She graduated from Mary Institute, Maryville University and received her doctorate in anthropology from Washington University.

She taught courses in anthropology and archeology at the college level until her retirement in 2004. She also did field work at archaeological sites in Peru and Mexico. From infancy, she summered with her family in Charlevoix, Michigan, and after her marriage, returned almost every summer with her own family.

Georgia was a former member of the Junior League of St. Louis, a member of the Society of Colonial Dames of Missouri, the Belvedere Club and the Belvedere Golf Club. She volunteered as a room mother in all her children’s classrooms and was a Girl Scout leader. She capably managed several Republican political campaigns, and faithfully prepared meals for St. Patrick’s Center.

Georgia enjoyed golf, cooking, her “Missouri Nature Plants” garden, needlepoint, reading and learning. But her greatest delights were in spending time with her children and granddaughters.

Services: Services will be private with burial in Charlevoix. In lieu of flowers, her family asks that you consider a gift to the Little Traverse Conservancy, 3264 Powell Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740, or to a charity of one’s choice.

The Belvedere Club has lost a longtime and cherished member of the Club. Georgia was a fourth-generation summer resident of Upper Michigan, having spent her early years in Walloon Lake with her father’s family, and at her great-grandparents cottage at 401 Mercer Avenue. Her great-grandparents, Frederika and George Riddle, first summered on the Resort when they rented the Mehaffie cottage, number 226, in 1898. They were unimpressed with having to get their water from the single well in Pavilion park.

The Riddles chose a lot on the North side on which to build their cottage where city water was available indoors. The cottage, “Glen Riddle” is still owned by a direct descendent of the Riddle family. Georgia’s mother, Dotty Morse (Mudd) and her twin sister, Georgia Morse (Heitner) would ride their bicycles from Mercer Avenue to the Belvedere Club twice a day to participate in the gang activities.

Dotty purchased cottage 210 in 1949, on Pavilion Park, when it became overwhelming to shuffle her growing family between Walloon Lake and Charlevoix. When Dotty and D.H.’s children’s’ children started to arrive, D.H. purchased cottage 203, in 1974, for the overflow. And that is where Georgia hunkered down.

On Saturday, July 15th, visitation will be held at Winchester Funeral Home at 12:30 in Charlevoix. Graveside services at 2:30 will be private.

Everyone in the Belvedere family is invited to a gathering at cottage 203 at 3:30pm. Please call the Club office at 231.547.2512 if you plan to join us.