



Amy Dauchy Owen

September 27, 2015

Amy Dauchy Owen sailed away with dignity and grace on a spectacular fall day at age 93. Amy lived a life full of joy and laughter, great adventures and grander tales, surrounded by her five children, ten grand children, and to her eternal delight, one great-grandchild. Amy was pre-deceased by her husband, Robert Harris Owen, and is survived by her all her children Rob (Maggie) Owen, Susan (Fred) Yore, Nano Owen (John Lavander), Tom (Julie) Owen, and Ann Owen (Mike Recht). Amy is also survived by her grand children and Henry, her great grand child.

Born in Brooklyn and raised in Pelham Manor, NY, Amy spent her summers on the Rhode Island shore. Fiercely independent, intellectual, and strong, Amy graduated from Emma Willard and then Smith College. Following college graduation, Amy worked briefly on Madison Avenue before enlisting in the Marine Corps in 1943. Achieving the rank of Private First Class, Amy described her service as keeping the Mohave Desert safe for the nation, as well as learning some great life skills, like hamburger flipping and rifle assembly. Amy carried forward her call to service, which was reflected in her no-nonsense approach to everything, athletic prowess, positive and supportive attitude, and perhaps a few colorful phrases likely not learned at Smith.

After meeting her future husband in New York during a WWII service leave, Amy and Bob married in 1946 and lived for the vast majority of their sixty-two year marriage in Milwaukee, WI, where they raised their children. Amy was deeply devoted to service, volunteering with the Junior League, the Milwaukee Public School system, the Milwaukee Art Museum, and Planned Parenthood. Amy loved the great outdoors and all creatures large and small. Many a nature walk was had. Her home always had a remarkably naughty dog or mighty huntress of a cat in residence.

After their children were grown, Amy and Bob traveled the world, sometimes by bike, where her five languages served her well. As grandchildren began to arrive and Milwaukee winters became longer, Amy and Bob located to warmer climates in the winters, inviting the family to join the fun. Amy was always in her element on a beach with a grandchild.

Perhaps one of her greatest legacies is Amy's summer cottage, built on the Rhode Island shore where she spent her childhood. It was her favorite place on earth. Housing family and friends for almost thirty years, this cottage represents Amy's spirit of hard work and fun, dedication and love, intellect and laughter. There are more than a couple great stories that started here. Some of them are even true.

Amy will be deeply missed. As one of her grandchildren said, "Grandma always had my back".

Amy would now politely insist we all just get on with it.

Celebration of Life Tuesday September 29, from 5 pm until 6 pm at Washburn and Mc Reavy, Edina ; 50th Street & Highway 100, Edina, Mn 952-920-3996

Interment will be private

Private memorial in Rhode Island July 2016 Condolences to Nano Owen
(nancy.f.owen@gmail.com)

Special thanks to caregivers Sandy, Sallie, Judy, Deb, Jean, and Rose and the caring staffs of the Colony TCU and Park Nicollet Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, Amy's family gently suggests a contribution to the charity of your choosing.