



Barbara Maxwell DeLaittre

August 16, 1930 - February 7, 2024

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Barbara Maxwell DeLaittre passed away peacefully on February 7, 2024. She was 93 years old. Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, Charles D. DeLaittre, son, William A. DeLaittre, mother, Florence Maxwell, father, Stanley Maxwell, sister, Roberta Maxwell, and brother, Gilbert Maxwell. She is survived by her son, Charles DeLaittre Jr. (Lori Matthew), daughters Susan DeLaittre and Mary DeLaittre (Andrew Leicester), 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren and her beloved dog Donald the Dachshund.

Barbara loved the house she built along the St. Croix River, her dogs, watching the parade of animals and birds on her property, 'cleaning the woods' and puttering in her garden. She was a voracious reader, avid gardener and conscientious steward of her land - she took great pride creating a healthy place for the wildlife.

In her retirement Barbara was very involved in the Somerset Library and the building of the new addition as well as attending the library book club.

Barbara had a rewarding late-in-life career as the Regional Development Director of the Nature Conservancy. Prior to the Nature Conservancy Barbara had an active civic life. She was Vice Chair, Board of Trustees for the Minneapolis Society of Fine Arts/Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Chair of Board, originator of Minneapolis Institute of Arts Antique show, President of Friends of Institute, Board of Directors Steven's Square Nursing Home, Board of Directors Minnesota Orchestra, President of The Young Peoples Symphony

Concert Association, President Junior WAMSO and Docent at Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

Barbara graduated from Brown University (Pembroke) and earned her MBA from the University of Minnesota.

Funeral Service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on the Lake of the Isles March 4, 2024, at 1:00 pm followed by private interment at Lakewood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting memorials to The Nature Conservancy.