



Vivian Higginbotham

September 5, 2012

Higginbotham, Vivian Age 93 of Edina, MN, passed away peacefully on September 5, 2012. She was born in 1919 in San Bernardino, CA and raised in Beverly Hills, CA. Her father was a Hollywood screenwriter. In 1937 she married Grover Higginbotham ("Higgie"), a Naval officer and graduate of the Naval Academy serving aboard the battleship U.S.S. Arizona. Throughout his 29-year career, they lived in many places including Panama, Hawaii and Japan. After retiring from the Navy in 1964, Higgie worked for Univac. They were transferred to Salt Lake City, UT where Vivian became active in the Sierra Club and the Wasatch Mountain Club. She loved snowshoeing in the winter and hiking in the summer, and attended numerous Club sponsored events and outings, including a camping trip down the Colorado River in whitewater rafts. They were transferred to the Los Angeles area for two years and then finally to the Twin Cities in 1971. Vivian was active in the Edina Newcomers Club and enjoyed cross-country skiing. In the years after Higgie's retirement from Univac in 1981, and after her recovery from a bout of cancer, they took cruises to the Caribbean, the Eastern Mediterranean, and a fabulous cruise around the world. They also enjoyed a three- week trip to mainland China. In 1986 Vivian and Higgie moved to Naples, FL where they had a condominium on the beach. In 1993 they bought a condominium in Edina which became their summer home, and in 2006 they moved to Edina permanently. Higgie passed away the following year. They were married 69 years. Vivian was an inspiration for all. She is survived by her daughter,

Christine Slaven of Mercer Island, WA; son, Ken Higginbotham (Ava) of Eden Prairie, MN; granddaughters, Tane Larrabee (Wayne) of Mercer Island, WA, and Shawn Slaven of Mercer Island, WA; grandsons, Benjamin Higginbotham (Cariann) of Anaheim, CA, Robert Higginbotham (Leah) of Ham Lake, MN, and Ryan Higginbotham (Terese) of Savage, MN; and 6 great-grandchildren. Family members wish to express their deep appreciation to the dedicated and caring professionals and volunteers at Edina Park Plaza and St. Croix Hospice. Vivian will be interred in a private ceremony at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. www.Washburn-McReavy.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Tribute Wall



“ Who can ever forget the time back in the '70s when Vivian and Grover went camping with Ken and Ava at Kathio State Park? A skunk wandered into the campsite as we were all sitting around the camp fire. Ava spotted it first. Vivian was telling a story and noticed Ava all tensed up and asked what was wrong. We all pointed to the skunk and motioned for everyone to be very quiet, but Vivian didn't buy it. "Everyone knows skunks in state parks are decented, right?" The skunk never stopped, but our hearts sure did!

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Taken shortly after returning from trip to mainland China.

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“ *He will wipe out every tear from their eyes,
And death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain
be anymore. The former things have passed away. (Rev 21:4)
What a wonderful hope we have to look forward too.
These promises are true, and soon to be fulfill by our loving creator
Jehovah.
My sincere condolences.*

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