



Beatrice M. Mathewson

December 12, 1928 - October 29, 2014

Beatrice M. Mathewson, a lifelong Delawarean and beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and teacher, died from natural causes on October 29, 2014, at Regency Healthcare in Wilmington. She was 85.

Born to Anna and Leo Matthews in 1928, Bea attended Conrad High School and the University of Delaware, majoring in math with a minor in physics and music, at a time when math and physics departments were almost exclusively male. Working her way through high school and college at Hercules Inc., a chemical and munitions manufacturing company (and where her father also worked), Bea earned a prominent staff position there as a statistician upon graduation from college.

Bea loved to sing and particularly enjoyed theater. In 1946 she met Donald Mathewson, recently discharged from the military. Don shared Bea's love of the stage and they became active members of the Drama League, co writing children's plays and producing drama locally. They married in 1949.

In 1971, with three children—Donald Jr., Denise, and Wendy—in school, Bea returned to UD, earning a Master's Degree in education. She would teach for 25 years, retiring in 1991, though she would return to classrooms as a substitute teacher well into her 70s.

In 2007, Bea and Don left a rambling manor house in Magnolia for a more manageable living space in North Wilmington. In 2009, in failing health, Bea moved into Regency Healthcare, where she spent the last five years of her life.

Bea is survived by husband Don (age 92); three children; four grandchildren; and many grateful former students.

A visitation will be held from 11AM-12 Noon on Monday, November 17, 2014 in the Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Road, Newark, DE 19702, followed by a celebration of Bea's life at 12 Noon.

Interment will follow in Gracelawn Memorial Park. For directions or to leave an online condolence, please visit www.strano-feeley.com

Cemetery Details

Gracelawn Memorial Park

2220 N. DuPont Highway
New Castle, DE

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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