



Dr. Elizabeth F. Sayman

April 14, 1929 - March 7, 2021

Dr Elizabeth F. Sayman, 91, of Rossiter Rd., passed away Sunday, March 7, 2021, at home, peacefully with family at her side. She was born April 14, 1929 in Wabash, Indiana to John L and Kathryn Ebbinghouse Ford. She graduated from Wabash High School and obtained a bachelor of Science degree from Mount Holyoke College. She then earned a master's degree from Washington University and from there went on to earn her medical degree from the University of Chicago. It was there that she met her husband, Dr Wynn Sayman, who happened to be one of her professors. They both had ties to Massachusetts, and decided to settle in Richmond in 1965. Elizabeth worked in a cancer screening program at Berkshire Medical Center for ten years, offering mammograms and pap tests free of charge, to hospitalized women. In 1980 when Wynn retired, he and Elizabeth operated Wynn A. Sayman Antiques, which specialized in 18th century English Ceramics, a mail order and web-based business. They also worked booths at many antique shows across the country to gain exposure for their business.

Elizabeth was an avid hiker, having hiked most of the trails in Berkshire County and surrounding areas with her close friend Mary Emery. She was also an avid gardener and flower arranger who adored the Berkshire Botanical Garden where she won many a blue and tricolor ribbon at the local flower show. Elizabeth was a member of the Berkshire Garden Club an affiliate of the Garden Club of America, and for many years held the title of Artistic Design Judge. She and her friend Lucia Stokes had more fun gallivanting around the

area judging flower shows together. She was also a long-time member of T-Club, a local women's group which gathered monthly for delicious meals and stimulating programs put on by members.

Later in life Elizabeth enjoyed classes at IS-183, such as painting and working in pottery; hand building pieces in natural shapes, often impressing them with leaves or seed pods. Every week Elizabeth enjoyed the company of the Richmond "Coffee Group," a diverse group of women who gathered at each other's homes for strong coffee and interesting conversation.

She was predeceased by her husband of 51 years, Dr. Wynn A. Sayman, whom she married on May 2, 1964. Wynn passed away on October 12, 2015. Elizabeth is survived by her daughter Lisa Butler Quetti and her husband John of Marco Island, FL and granddaughters, Elizabeth A. Butler, Beatrice K. Butler, Margaret K. Butler and their father Thomas.

A graveside service for Dr. Sayman will be Saturday, July 16, 2022, at 10am at Center Cemetery in Richmond, MA. Donations in her memory may be made to HospiceCare in the Berkshires, The Richmond Land Trust, or Golden Paws Assistance Dogs in Naples, FL, where her daughter volunteers, in care of The Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home, 220 East St., Pittsfield, MA 01201. Donations CANNOT be online, but may be made through the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Center Cemetery

Rte 41
Richmond, MA 01254

Previous Events

Gravside Service

JUL 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *What a wonderful person - she will be greatly missed - Matt always enjoyed working on their home. Hugs, Laurie Donald*

Laura Donald - March 18, 2021 at 05:54 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Elizabeth F. Sayman.*



March 14, 2021 at 07:36 PM



“ *Dear Lisa and Family, Please know how fond our family was of your family! Though Rossiter Road separated our houses, your parents were like family to our dad. Your cheerful dad with a wave from the mailbox and your mom bringing endless soup for a cold winter's supper.. Brother Bud always said they were his kindest "customers" when he worked on the property with his heavy machinery. My husband, who died in June, and I always tried to stop in for visits with your mom when we came to Richmond. What nice visits we had, talking about our favorite books and the history of the house which had belonged to Clara Beckley, a most peculiar cousin. Dad referred to you, Lisa, often as he did Scott and all his wonderful grands. You will sorely miss such an amazing mother as I still long for my incredible dad but talking about the with the next generations is the best way to memorialize them!*

*Peace,
Lindy Reynolds Davis*

Linda Reynolds Davis - March 13, 2021 at 09:31 PM



“ *I only have the most wonderful memories of Dr. E. She is sadly missed by all. DORON*

Doron G - March 12, 2021 at 01:54 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family. Your mom was an extraordinary woman, sending hugs to you all.
Love, Greta*

Greta Cowan - March 12, 2021 at 09:12 AM