



## Mrs. Dorothy Wilson Griffin

August 9, 1923 - September 8, 2011

Dorothy Wilson Griffin, 88, died Sept. 8th, 2011 at her home in Asheville. She was born August 9th, 1923 and grew up in Asheville. She was the daughter of William Alexander Wilson and Lillian Louise Stephens Wilson Carroll, and stepfather Col. James Anthony Carroll Sr. She graduated from St. Genevieve-of-the Pines in Asheville and Hollins College in Roanoke, Virginia. Dorothy was an exceptional student and loved learning throughout her entire life.

Dorothy spent part of her young years living at the Grove Park Inn while her mother was the social director there from 1929 until the early 1930's when her mother re-married. During World War II Dorothy worked with the military as a secretary at Fort Monroe in Hampton, VA and Norfolk, Va., then in Washington, D.C. for the British Admiralty as an interpreter during their meetings with French leaders. She received an award from Admiral Sir. Henry Ruthven Moore for her valuable service.

She married Mark Alexander Griffin Jr., a native of Asheville, on Oct. 12th, 1945. They had been friends throughout their young lives before they fell in love and married.

Dorothy and Mark lived in Wilmington, Delaware and Philadelphia, PA while Mark was completing his internship and residency. After his medical training was complete, they returned to Asheville to begin his career as a neurologist/psychiatrist alongside his father, Dr. Mark Griffin Sr., at Appalachian Hall, which was sold out of the family in 1980. It is currently known as the Kennilworth Inn Apts.

Dorothy was active in organizations associated with her husband's profession, a member of the Junior League, and belonged to the Wilson Library Fellows at UNC Chapel Hill. She was very instrumental in bringing the Republican Party into Buncombe County. She actively supported many preservation movements involving wildlife and land preservation. When she was a member of the Audubon Society she obtained a status of trust in believability for spotting unusual birds in the Asheville area.

Dorothy truly loved these mountains, and exploring their beauty was one of her most favorite things to do. She will be forever a part of them as they are of her.

She was an outstanding person and exceptionally beautiful, inside as well as out.

She is survived by her son, Mark Alexander Griffin III, his wife Gail, her son Michael Jeffries Griffin, his wife Gina, and her daughter Susannah Carroll Powell, her husband Bob, and two grandchildren, Mark Alexander Griffin IV and Amanda Moore Griffin.

A private family memorial service will be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to Western North Carolina Nature Center, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Four Seasons Hospice.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Dorothy Wilson Griffin*

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