



Mrs. Sophia "Sue" Vrachos Miller

May 11, 1920 - December 22, 2013

Sophia "Sue" Miller, 93, passed away peacefully on December 22, 2013, at the Watts Group Assisted Living in Severn, MD, after a long illness, with family and friends at her side. She was born on May 11, 1920 in Gloucester, MA to Catherine and Soteris Vrachos. She is survived by two daughters Carola (Miller) Bruflat (Arne) of Vienna, VA, and Kathryn Estelle Levy (the late Allen) on El Cajon, CA, and a grandson Jon Bruflat (Angela) of Tucson, AZ, as well as cousins and friends from Glen Burnie, and the Evening Sun. She is predeceased by her husband, Carroll Albert Miller; her sister, Frances Vrachos of Gloucester, and her brother, Nicholas Vrachos (Baltimore, MD).

Mrs. Miller graduated from Boston University School of Journalism with honors in 1941. In her 50's, she returned to graduate school at Johns Hopkins University for her Masters in Liberal Arts degree.

She worked for the Annapolis Daily Capital and then became a staff writer at the Baltimore Evening Sun for 25 years. In the early years, she reported on education and hospital finance issues, then moved on to reporting cutting edge health, medical and science news for the last 17 years. She won numerous national, state and local awards through the 1970's, 80s and 90s for her reporting, and was cited in the Congressional Record for her coverage of the 1979 White House Conference on the Handicapped. She was known for her articles profiling physicians, malpractice, diseases of the eye, cancer, a

consumer series on dentistry, and a multipart series on HIV-AIDS in 1991. One of her best received articles was "Out of the Darkness" in which she chronicled her journey from near blindness to full vision in her only eye with sight.

She was a wonderful and loving mother, who loved reading, traveling, music - especially opera and "reporting the news." She met and married the "love of her life," while working as a newspaper reporter in Portsmouth, NH in 1941. She moved to Baltimore and then Glen Burnie, MD where she lived most of her adult life, moving back to Baltimore later in life. She was very involved in the Glen Burnie Methodist Church, teaching Sunday school for many years. She later attended the Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church in Baltimore, and the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Baltimore. She was an active and life-long member of the American Association of University Women, and always interested in politics that empowered women.

Cemetery Details

Lorraine Park Cemetery& Mausoleum

5608 Dogwood Road
Baltimore, MD 21228

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Mr. and Mrs. Miller fondly as a "youngster" growing up in Glen Gardens. One particular incident has always stayed with me, as I was very hesitant in following Mr. Miller's prank of taking a snowball, furnished to me by Mr. Miller, inside their house and putting it on Mrs. Miller's head. (This sort of prank was very emblematic of Mr. Miller's always energetic personality!) But I dutifully followed Mr. Miler's instructions. If I remember correctly, Mr. Miller found it much more humorous than Mrs. Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Carola and Kathy were great people to have around in those early years of my life.

Roddy Waldman

Rodger Waldman - January 02, 2014 at 10:47 AM

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“ I came to know Sue Miller very well when I worked for the Maryland Hospital Association in the 1980s and she was the medical reporter for the Evening Sun ... tenacious, relentless, intelligent and intensely focus ... I spent hundreds of hours on the phone with her as she covered Maryland's unique health care landscape. She often would pretend she didn't understand an issue ... as a ruse to get you to explain and discuss in the level of detail and nuance she wanted. She could frustrate the bejaysus out of you ... but you knew her stories were going to be fair, accurate and better than the competition.

I was so sorry to hear of her illness and finally her passing ...

Rick Wade

Rick Wade - December 31, 2013 at 02:58 PM