



Meredith Victorie Coolidge

September 29, 1942 - January 22, 2024

Meredith Victorie McBride Coolidge (“Merry”) passed away peacefully after a brief illness. Born in Elgin, Illinois in 1942, Merry was the youngest daughter of Thurlow and Harriet (Hurlburt) McBride. Her father’s successful career in business led the family to the Philadelphia area, and Merry cherished her memories of an idyllic childhood growing up in beautiful Bucks County. She also treasured her early education at Buckingham Friends School and the dear friends she made there. For high school, Merry was a boarding student at The Principia in St. Louis, Missouri, and a member of the first class to graduate from the “Country Campus” in West County. Her Principia experience also resulted in many deep and lasting friendships for which she was forever grateful. Merry attended the University of Pennsylvania where she earned a degree in English in 1964. Her first job following graduation was with GE Aerospace, a division of General Electric. Friends from church facilitated an introduction to David Coolidge who had recently moved to the Philadelphia area, and the two were married six months after they first met. Early in their marriage they moved to Rome, Italy for a year so David could continue to study art and painting in advance of his career as a watercolorist. Upon their return to the United States in 1968, they settled in suburban Philadelphia to start a family of their own, and Merry focused on raising her two boys who attended The Haverford School. In addition to being an active member of the Mothers’ Club, Merry did some part-time office work at Bryn Mawr College and volunteered for a variety of local organizations. In 1985 Merry and her family

relocated to Naples, Florida where she felt drawn to residential real estate and a career of her own. Merry loved working with clients to match the right buyer with the right property, and her personal touch, dedication, and tireless work ethic resulted in many successful and appreciated transactions. Merry received numerous awards recognizing her noteworthy productivity throughout her career. Merry never truly retired, as she chose in recent years to spend more time at home and with family. Merry always remained open to advising and consulting when someone asked for help, friends and strangers alike. Merry will always be remembered for being a woman of principle, forever genuine, and exceedingly devoted to her family and friends. Having spent much of her life in and around Philadelphia, Merry was tremendously patriotic, eternally grateful for the goodness of American values and ideals enshrined in the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution. Merry was deeply committed to her faith in Christian Science and was an active church member in Ardmore, Pennsylvania and Naples, Florida. Of greatest importance to her, above all, was her family. Nothing brought her more joy than spending time with her five grandchildren, particularly during special occasions, events, and accomplishments. Merry is survived by her husband of 57 years, David; son Scott and his wife Shelley (Azusa, CA) and their children Emily, Daniel and Cameron; son Terry and his wife Karen (St. Louis, MO) and their children Ruth and Joe. She is also survived by her sister Bonnie Dail of St. Louis, Missouri and her family as well as the family of her late sister Patricia Weber. A private family service was held. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the following non-profit organizations that Merry supported:

Daystar, Inc. - Davie, FL (<https://www.daystarfl.org/donate>)

Camps Newfound and Owatonna - Harrison, ME (<https://www.newfound-owatonna.com/giving/>)

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Naples, FL (<https://www.christiansciencenaples.com>)

The Humane Society of Naples - Naples, FL (<https://hsnaples.org>)

Tribute Wall

TS

“ I couldn't have asked for a better Aunt. The importance of family was evident in Merry's life as she was always loving, thoughtful, kind and genuinely interested in what her nieces and nephews were up to. I'll miss our texting and the occasional phone calls and visits we had. Her love, elegance, grace and straightforwardness are just a few of the qualities expressed by my sweet Aunt Merry. Love to all the families that were blessed to have Merry as a part of our lives. I'm deeply grateful.

Terry Dail Schaberg - January 27, 2024 at 09:23 AM

SM

Merry and I met through real estate, but it was our many conversations about cats that i remember the most. She was a very sweet and caring person.

Susie Mehas

Susie Mehas - January 27, 2024 at 04:43 PM

HJ

I will miss Merry and her smile. We always reconnected at award functions. I have enjoyed knowing her & discussing St Louis.

HELEN JANSSEN - January 27, 2024 at 06:08 PM

MH

Detailed and thorough, Merry always asked questions, so she could provide the best information and service to her clients. A true professional and caring person.

Marie Harris - January 28, 2024 at 10:10 AM

JP

I will miss my conversations with you helping to answer market questions regarding Pelican Marsh. I enjoyed the transaction we did together when you bought my listing to be your forever home. I will always remember you as sweet, kind and gentle in a business that can be so challenging at times. I know you will be missed by many.

Jill A Pyszkowski - January 28, 2024 at 03:30 PM

JA

Merry, dear Merry, a remarkable combination of vibrancy, caring, thoughtfulness and wisdom. No matter what problem or situation I faced, Merry had a calm, reasonable and loving response. She was an extraordinary "angel" and I was truly blessed to have known her.

Judy Adair - January 28, 2024 at 06:13 PM

JH

Dear Merry was a friend of mine and Mother Katie Boyer from church in Naples. Always a gracious and loving colleague at work willing to help and share strategies and solutions. She left the world a better place and I'm grateful to have known her and husband David.

Judy Hansen - February 11, 2024 at 06:11 AM