



Martha Meador Cary

December 23, 1924 – March 18, 2009

(From Pivont Funeral Home March 2009)

Martha Meador Cary, 84 and a Hinton native, died peacefully Wednesday March 18, 2009 after a brief stay at Kaplan House in Danvers, Massachusetts. She had been living at the nearby Brooksby Village retirement community in Peabody, Massachusetts since December 2004.

Her beloved husband of 61 1/2 years, Albert Bray Cary, died in February 2006. Martha is survived by three loving children, their spouses, five grandchildren, one brother and nieces and nephews. Son Bray & wife Dianne Cary are here in West Virginia. Son Bill & wife Anne Cary are in Florida, along with their daughters, Andrea and Katie. Daughter Alice Cary & husband Jim Peregoy live in Massachusetts and their son, Will and twin daughters, Martha and Cary, who are named after their grandmother. Mrs. Cary also leaves a brother, William & wife Joyce Meador of Hinton.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Norward Meador of Kensington, Maryland. Two sisters, Eleanor Meador Wise of Lathrup Village, Michigan and Dorothy Meador Hamilton of Fayetteville, North Carolina. She is also survived by Norward Meador's wife, Gloria of Kensington, Maryland.

Born December 23, 1924, Martha Cary was the devoted daughter of the late William Green & Hazel Ailstock Meador. She was salutatorian of the 1942 graduating class at Hinton High School. She met her future husband, Albert, when he and his family moved across the street on Ballengee Street in Hinton. Martha

attended Bowling Green Business University in Bowling Green, Kentucky, where she belonged to the Delta Theta Sorority. She briefly worked at Westvaco in Charleston and at the National Bank of Summers in Hinton.

Martha married Albert Cary on June 23, 1944. Between 1946 and 1982, the C&O Railroad took the happy couple to live in four states and seven cities and towns. After 1982, they retired to Florida and then to Sanford, North Carolina, before moving to Massachusetts in 2004.

During the family's many moves, Mrs. Cary became adept at planning and building homes, and earned her real estate license in Severna Park, Maryland. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed traveling, walking, bicycling, swimming, bridge and aerobics. She was a member of the Episcopal Church. She met John F. Kennedy and his brother, Bobby, during the pivotal West Virginia primary, and remained an avid follower of political affairs throughout her life. Her courage, loving heart, winning smile, and playful sense of humor will be sorely missed by her family and friends.

The body has been cremated and a memorial graveside service will be held at a later date at Greenbrier Burial Park in Hinton.