



Mary Glen Boyd Taylor Obituary

1935-2023

TAYLOR, Mary Glen Boyd, 88, passed away after a brief illness on June 16, 2023. She often said that she was blessed to have "lived a good life with a much loved and loving family." Mary Glen was a generous and loving mother and friend who wanted to leave the world a more beautiful place than she found it, and dedicated her life to achieving that goal. The lasting effects of her civic involvement and horticultural contributions will touch generations to come. Mary Glen was a member of the National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Country Club of Virginia, The Woman's Club and Boxwood Garden Club. She served as president of Boxwood from 1987 to 1989 and was awarded the club's Member Award of Merit in 2011. The Garden Club of Virginia awarded her the Horticultural Award of Merit in 1992 "for her accomplishments in horticulture both personally and in the community at large" and

the de Lacy Gray Memorial Medal for Conservation in 2003, one of its highest awards. With the help of her dear friend, Anna Aquino, she was a moving force behind the beautification of Monument Avenue, including the planning, funding, design and installation of trees in the median along a 13-block section of Monument Avenue from Roseneath to Horsepen Road. She and Anna received a formal commendation from the City of Richmond for beautifying this important corridor. Mary Glen was a Master Gardener and spent decades tracking down the designs of Virginia-based landscape architect Charles Gillette for the Library of Virginia's collection, locating over 50 new designs. She served as Tree Steward for Henrico County in 1993. She served on the board of Capital Trees from 2010 to 2020. Projects during her tenure included the Low Line, Great Shiplock Park, and the 14th Street Initiative. She was a founding board member of both the Three Chopt Civic Association and The Friends of Bandy Field. Mary Glen worked tirelessly to keep Bandy Field from being sold and developed, and helped to establish the green space and wetlands as an official city park. She assisted in securing a permanent conservation easement that will preserve Bandy Field for community use and education in perpetuity. Mary Glen was born on April 6, 1935, to Samuel Hill Boyd Jr. and Mary Loudell Nichols Boyd. She attended St. Catherine's School as a boarding student, where she made lifelong friends, and later attended Randolph Macon Women's College. On September 6, 1958, she married the love of her life, Hubert, in Roaring Gap, North Carolina, and they were married for 53 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hubert Shands Taylor Jr.; and her son, Hubert Shands Taylor III. She is survived by her daughters, Caroline Mercer Taylor and Langhorne Reid Taylor Fazekas (Courtney); daughter-in-law, Denise Digges Taylor; and granddaughters, Kathryn Glen Fazekas, Laura Page Fazekas and Lila Kendall Taylor. Her granddaughters' fondest memories are of spending time with "Honey" making wonderful fairy gardens. A reception to celebrate the life of Mary Glen will be held in the garden of her home from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28. As parking at the house is unavailable, a shuttle service to the

residence can be boarded at the Three Chopt Entrance of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. At her request, Mary Glen will be buried at a later date at a private graveside service in Lynchburg, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Friends of Bandy Field, Capital Trees, a [charity of your choice](#), or as Mary Glen once wrote, "Remember me and plant a tree."

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