

## **Marie Alice Hoxie Duncan**

Mary Alice Hoxie Duncan of Highlands died Sunday, May 15, 2005, at Fidelia Eckerd Living Center in Highlands.

She was born in Tulsa, Okla., the daughter of Frederick Stickney and Elsie Mae Hoxie.

Mrs. Duncan graduated from Tulsa Central High School in 1937. She taught two years at a country school in Kansas. She attended Chanute (Kan.) Junior College. She also attended Oklahoma State University where she was a member of the Orange and Black Quill, the freshman honor society.

She finished her degree work at the University of Colorado in Boulder and received a degree in Romance Languages in 1942. She was a member of Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society in education.

She married North Carolinian Horace G. Duncan at St. Martin's Chapel in St. John's Cathedral in Denver on Dec. 17, 1942.

She was a teacher in the Denver public school system for 12 years where she taught parent education and pre-school, which was a model and forerunner of the Head Start program. In 1958, she conducted this program on KRMA television in Denver for which she was also its director and producer. It was the first parent education and pre-school program on educational TV.

In Denver, she was a member of St. John's Episcopal Cathedral where she was a founding member of St. Monica's Guild for young married women. She was also a choir mother for the youth choir. She was a member of the Alliance Francaise and the French Club Savigne.

She moved with her family to Gaithersburg, Md., in 1971 where she taught for 14 years in the Montgomery County public school system. She was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension and a teacher in the Sunday school. She also served on the board of directors of the Gaithersburg Public Library.

In Highlands, where she resided since 1988, she was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation.

She is survived by her husband, Horace G. Duncan; her daughter Meredith Duncan Bowen and son-in-law Randy Bowen of Fairfax, Va.; and her son, David Duncan of Aurora, Colo.; eight grandchildren, Kris Martinell and husband Bill, and Scott Catey, all of Dell, Mont.; Heather Duncan Raboin of Lake Elmo, Minn.; Katchen and Jessica Duncan, both of Key West, Fla.; Evan, Lindsay, and Alexandra Bowen, all of Fairfax, Va.; and four great-grandchildren, Shelby, Skyлар and Justin Martinell, all of Dell, Mont.; and Olivia Elizabeth Duraine of Lake Elmo, Minn.

Her son, Fred, and her sister, Jimmie Jeanne Hoxie Wenige, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held at The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Highlands at 11 a.m. Friday, May 20, with Rev. Brian Sullivan and Rev. Alan Hetzel officiating.

Burial will be at Highlands Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 10 until 11 a.m., one hour prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Mary Alice Duncan Rotary Foundation Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 1741, Highlands, NC 28741, or the Church of the Incarnation, P.O. Box 729, Highlands, NC 28741.

Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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