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Lillnette Friend Zartman Hiller

b. August 25, 1927 d. July 3, 2006
South Richmond, Virginia New Hope, Minnesota

Common sense hospitality defined my mother's outlook on life. Her granddaughter Susan once wrote about that distinctive quality of hers noting it as an attribute of Christian love.

My mother loved the music of the church. She sang in church choirs throughout her life. She was particularly fond of the organ and the great classical composers.

My beautiful mother wore hats. Oh, how she wore hats. From veiled sophistication of a young and very social mother, to a beanie she wore as the oldest freshman at the time at Loyola University of the South in 1955, to the jaunty hats she wore to church.

My mother was my best friend. She loved her family and her heritage as a Virginian and a daughter of the South. She married Louis Kenneth Hiller on September 4, 1937. They had two children, my brother Kenneth and me. They lived in Norfolk, Virginia; New Orleans; Park Forest, Illinois, and Wilmington North Carolina, where my father died in 1971. They were both ordained deacons in the Presbyterian Church. She joined the Eastern Star in 1938 and remained a member the rest of her life.

She moved to Minnesota in 1992. That move brought her close to family and was a great blessing for all who came to know her and especially for my brother and his wife Barb and me and our children and grandchildren. She was an active member of Toastmasters clubs and won a number of awards for her outstanding speaking ability. She voted in every election and supported all public school funding proposals.

She was a friend to so many. She gave affection and loyalty freely, even to strangers. Chance meetings would often result in phone calls over the years just to greet her and hear the smile in her voice. I invite all to consider how you are called and by whom. I suggest to you that one of the most valued names in all of life is that of Friend.



Ann Lillnette Hiller Rest
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