

Phyllis M. Seager



Utica - Phyllis M. Seager, 105, died on May 16, 2022, at the Masonic Care Community under the care of the devoted staff of the Saranac Household.

Phyllis was born on January 18, 1917, in Syracuse to Nina (MacDonald) and William H. Mallory.

She graduated from Nottingham High School at age 16. Phyllis received a B.S. from Syracuse University School of Education and Business Management in 1938 and an M.S. in 1950. During college, she received an honorary membership in Phi Kappa Phi for academics and activities. All four

years, she sang in the Hendricks Chapel Choir and continued to sing in other choirs throughout her life.

From 1946-1968, she taught business subjects and driver education at Ithaca High School. From 1968 – 1972, as Assistant Professor of Secretarial Science, she set up the Secretarial Science Department at the newly established Tompkins County Community College.

After retiring from teaching, Phyllis joined New Horizons for the Handicapped as Coordinator, where she worked to install ramps at public buildings, such as the newly constructed Herbert Johnson Art Museum at Cornell. Subsequently, she joined the Cornell University Council as Executive Assistant to the Director. Throughout her life, Phyllis enjoyed golfing, bowling, swimming, singing and traveling.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol Seager and her husband, Richard Loe, of New Hartford; a son, Robert Seager and his wife, Janet, of Edmonds, Washington; five grandchildren, Sara and Emma Loe, Jill, Kendal, and Robby Seager; three great-grandchildren, Edie, Miles, and Nathan; and two nieces, Jane Park and Margaret Wenge. Phyllis was predeceased by her brother, John Mallory; two former husbands, George Seager and Nader Maroun; and her long-time traveling companion, Richard Dower.

In keeping with Phyllis' wishes as a secular humanist, there was no public ceremony. Interment in Onondaga Valley Cemetery, near her mother and father, was attended by family. Please consider any memorial contributions to The Southern Poverty Law Center, Montgomery, AL and Doctors Without

Borders. Messages of sympathy may be left at Friedel, Williams & Edmunds at

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