



# Thora B. Vogel

March 11, 1932 - June 8, 2014

82 passed away on June 8, 2014, from complications of Parkinson's disease. She was born March 11, 1932 in Endicott, New York to James Alexander and Alida Burgher Tait. She graduated from Union Endicott High School and then Bowling Green State University in 1954 and majored in Political Science. She was a member of Alpa Chi Omega national sorority and was named her senior year "Miss Bowling Green".

Thora was an elementary school teacher prior to her marriage to Robert M. Vogel. Residing in Woodbridge and then Colonia, New Jersey, she became a widow at just 41 years old. As a single mother she further raised her 3 children, Harold, Victoria (Sweeney) and Gregory on a farm in Middletown, New Jersey where the family formed and engaged together in the

equestrian business. She had a great love for the ocean as she spent a decade working with Hatteras Yachts trawling the east coast. She had a great love for books and her daily cover to cover reading if the NY Times. She followed her two sons to Arizona in 1984. Thora became the very first employee of The Land Advisors Organization where she was the office manager, receptionist and bookkeeper. She was employed there and participated in the growth of the company until her retirement in 2002.

Thora leaves behind her 3 children, and 5 grandchildren (Gregory, Johnny and Jacqueline Vogel and Charlotte and Sydney Sweeney). A private service will be held at Riverhurst Cemetery in Endicott, New York where she will rest in peace alongside both her parents and her brother (James) and sister (Alida).

In remembrance of her life and multi-year struggle with Parkinson's disease donations may be made at: National Parkinson Foundation, Gift Processing Center,

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Arrangements entrusted to Messinger Indian School Mortuary.

