



Constance Green Harvie

February 28, 1934 - September 12, 2015

Died Saturday, September 12, 2015, surrounded by family and loved ones. She was 81 years old.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, on February 28, 1934 to Robert Chase Green and Ruth Elizabeth Green, Connie grew up in St. Louis, Missouri with her three brothers, James Foster Green, Robert Chase Green II (both deceased), and Thomas Robbins Green.

Connie attended Wheaton College and the University of Edinburgh, settling in Boston as a young woman. She was a successful real estate broker who ran her own company for 15 years, living in an historic home in Beacon Hill. She was an active member of the Beacon Hill Civic Association, the Friends of the Public Garden, and worked with the city in planting the wonderful flowering pear trees that grace Beacon Hill. She spent many summers in Mattapoisett on Buzzards Bay, where she loved to sail.

In the late 1980s, she reunited with her college sweetheart Peter Harvie, and they were married in Boston in 1988. Connie relocated to California in 1989, and she and her husband ultimately settled in Montecito where they remained together and in love until his death in 2008. In California, Connie's interest in arboriculture and horticulture continued. She was a strong supporter of the Santa Barbara Botanic Gardens, and served for a time as a member of the Board of

Trustees. She was a gifted gardener, a lover of music, art, and architecture, and in recent years made trips with friends to places such as Venice and the Veneto, Sicily, Rome, and Turkey.

Connie was also a graceful skier, a fine tennis player, and an avid angler who shared her husband's love of fly-fishing on the beautiful rivers of the Montana wilderness. She will be remembered as a gentle woman of great wisdom and strength who loved to laugh and poke fun, and who was devoted to her husband of 20 years and their two dogs.

She is survived by her brother, Thomas Green and his wife Mary, and two step-children, Christopher J. Harvie and his wife Claudia and their four sons, and Ashley Harvie and her two daughters. Her ashes will be laid next to those of her beloved husband in Troy, NY.

Donations in Connie's memory may be made to either the Santa Barbara Botanic Gardens or The Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital Foundation.