Rosa Batte Hodges McLaughlin

McLAUGHLIN. Beloved, respected, and honored by generations of young people, Rosa Batte Hodges McLaughlin, of Rockbridge Baths, Va., passed away June 9, 2016, at the age of 97. Wife of the late Lee Massey McLaughlin, she was a loving inspiration to the growth and development of countless campers and counselors of Camp Maxwelton for Boys and Camp Lachlan for Girls, and students and athletes at Episcopal High School and Washington and Lee University.

Rosa was born February 1, 1919 to the late Col. and Mrs. LeRoy Hodges in Petersburg, Va., and was sister to LeRoy Hodges Jr. (deceased). Raised in Ginter Park, Richmond, Va., she was a 1936 graduate of The Collegiate Schools. She was inducted into The Collegiate Schools Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008. She graduated from Hollins College in 1940 where she was a two sport standout in Basketball and Field Hockey.

Rosa and Lee began their calling as educators and mentors at Episcopal High School, Alexandria, Va. in 1945. In 1957, the couple and their family moved to Lexington, Va., to join the Washington and Lee faculty, where Lee was football coach until his death in 1968. The McLaughlins founded Camp Maxwelton for Boys in 1949 and Camp Lachlan for Girls in 1954 in Rockbridge County, Va.

Mrs. McLaughlin is survived by five children, three daughters, Rosa McLaughlin Carrington Heinsohn and her husband, Eric, of Charlottesville, Va., Nelle Hill McLaughlin Busch and her husband, James, M.D., of Rockbridge Baths, Va.; and Virginia LeRoy McLaughlin Myers and her husband, Hamilton, of Charlottesville, Va.; two sons, Lee Massey McLaughlin Jr. and his wife, Nancy Frizzell, of Rockbridge Baths, Va.; and James Andrew McLaughlin and his wife, Nancy Assaf, of Salt Lake City, Utah. In addition, there are 19 grandchildren and 47 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to The Maxwelton and Lachlan Foundation; P.O. Box 2201, Charlottesville, Va. 22902 or to The Lee Massey McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship Fund, Development Office of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va. 24450.

A memorial celebration will be held in August.

Arrangements by Harrison Funeral Home & Crematory, Lexington, Va.

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