



## Mia Kairio McMahan

April 16, 1926 - July 22, 2010

Mia Kairio McMahan, 84, of Berlin, widow of former Berlin State Representative Attorney Rodney McMahan, passed away Thursday July 22, 2010 at home with her loving family by her side. Born in Finland, she lived in Enfield, CT, then in Washington DC before moving to Berlin in 1953. A graduate of The American University in Washington D.C. in 1953, she earned her Master's Degree in Education from the University of Hartford in 1961 and an additional Master's Degree in Library Science from SCSC in 1972. Mia taught in Meriden for two years, came to the Berlin school system in the early 1960's where she taught special education. In 1972, after earning for second Master's, she became Library Media Coordinator at Berlin High School, retiring in 1992. Mia was a former deaconess of Berlin Congregational Church; a member of the Connecticut Education Association; the Alpha Delta Kappa a women's educators sorority; the American Association of University Women AAUW; the Women's Club of New Britain; the New Britain Symphony Society; and was a docent and volunteer at the New Britain Museum of American Art.

Surviving Mia is a son, Mark McMahan and his wife Martine of Berlin; a daughter, Christina Caterino of Dennis, MA; 4 grandchildren, Melissa McMahan of Berlin, Raymond Caterino and his wife Kristina of Dennis, MA, Courtney Caterino of Avon Colorado, and Eric Caterino also of Dennis, MA. Besides her husband, Mia was predeceased by a daughter, Linda Isabella McMahan in 1975.

Calling hours are Tuesday from 5 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Sq. New Britain. A memorial service will be held 4 PM Wednesday July 28, 2010 at Berlin Congregational Church 878 Worthington Ridge Berlin, CT 06037. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Berlin Congregational Church. Please share a memory by "clicking" MEMORY TRIBUTES at the bottom of the page.

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“ *My Condolences to the family of Mia McMahon. I remember with great fondness meeting her in 1969 when she studied Yoga with me and, later meeting up again at the Gym in Berlin.*

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**Carole S. Milano** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We loved Aunt Mia, she was a fantastic and wonderful lady so full of life. She minced no words and was a faithful friend, she was a lovely person you could always count on. We will miss her dearly.*

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**Robby and Patti Miller** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I admired Mia for her intelligence, her sense of humor, and most of all, her zest for life. She lived it to the fullest extent possible. She will be missed.*

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**Louise Elliott** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We will always remember Mia as an elegant, intelligent lady with a good story to tell or a viewpoint to share. She had a beautiful smile and a hearty laugh which she displayed with great frequency. She seemed to be a shining light wherever she went ... and we were fortunate enough to absorb some of the light she left behind.*

*Our sincere condolences to Chris and Mark and their respective families.*

*Ken and Barbara Peterson*

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**Ken Peterson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM