



## Mary Andes Mumma

February 8, 2021

Mary Andes Mumma departed this life on February 8, 2021, at the age of 98. Born in Lancaster, PA, to Giles R. and Eva Boyd Andes, she interrupted her mother's washday on Monday, November 20, 1922. She attended Reservoir Elementary School and Manheim Township High School. She was married to Harold "Bucky" Mumma, who preceded her in death in 1996.

A proud career woman, Mary began her employment at Armstrong working in the secretarial pool where she honed her considerable secretarial skills for twelve years. As a young woman eager to experience a bigger world, she responded to a job advertisement in the New York Times posted by philanthropist Stephen Richard Currier, whose wife, Audrey Bruce, was the oldest grandchild of Andrew W. Mellon. She quickly rose to the position of Mr. Currier's executive secretary and became integral to their philanthropic and family affairs. Working with the Curriers, who were supporters of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s and voter registration efforts in the south, afforded Mary the opportunity to meet such luminaries as Harry Belafonte and Eleanor Roosevelt. One day, Mr. Currier asked Mary to meet a guest who would be entering the residence through a little-used door off the back alley at the office at 666 Fifth Avenue. There she greeted Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and escorted him to Mr. Currier's office. Mary managed the family's affairs at their Virginia horse farm, Kinloch. A devoted horse rider in her own right, while at Kinloch, Mary had the thrill of riding with the Orange County Hunt. She was

a member of Quentin Riding Club, enjoyed foxhunting, and showed horses for foxhunters in Virginia and Chester County.

Returning to Lancaster, she accepted the position of executive secretary to Paul G. Wedel, CEO of Lancaster General Hospital and served in that capacity for 24 years. After Bucky's death, she took a volunteer position at the Lancaster County Historical Society (now LancasterHistory). In her long tenure there, she served for several years as executive secretary and continued her work as a volunteer for decades, scanning newspapers and making clippings for research files, handing over her final batch of clippings in early 2021.

Even at 98, she continued to enjoy the company of many friends--some two-legged, some four-legged. She considered herself richly blessed by several very close friends, she was deeply grateful for the outstanding women and men who cared for her at Brethren Village, and she counted on the supportive community at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lancaster. In addition to her parents and husband, Mary was predeceased by a brother, William B. Andes.

A private service will take place at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. The service will be available for viewing on March 2, 2021 after 3:00 p.m. at the following link: <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/32232460>

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church or LancasterHistory.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Andes Mumma*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I am so blessed to have been able to care for such an amazing woman. Her stories were one of a kind! Everything about Mary was beautiful. She wasn't just a resident but a friend and I cherished that friendship. Her light will never dim in my heart. My sincerest condolences to her family, a tremendous loss this is. But Mary's words, stories, and legacy will live on through so so many. The footprint she left on this earth shall never be forgotten ❤️*

**Chelsea Duttry** - February 19, 2021 at 01:39 PM



“ *Mary was a wonderful woman, she was sharp and so caring. I'll never forget afternoons spent enjoying treats with her and going through albums of her and her horses and husband Bucky. She was a timeless resource for so much information and full of so much love and compassion. Helping her these last two years have meant more to me than I can express. God bless you Mary and may you continue to gallop with your four legged friends in heaven.*

**Ronnie Snyder** - February 18, 2021 at 10:38 PM

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“ I remember Mary most when I was younger, from ages 5-12 when I would visit my father at LGH. One might expect that as my father's executive assistant she would naturally be kind to me. But Mary was so much more. I can't begin to tell you what a warm and welcoming ray of sunshine she always was when I came to visit. She always made me feel very special. She was a part of the Wedel family - she and her wonderful husband Bucky. I remember one time, during the Winter, Mary took us all on a sleigh ride through the back roads of Leola. So many unique experiences with so unique a person. My father treasured her as well he should have. Not easy to spend almost every day of 20+ years with him; she was definitely a saint and will be missed. Here's to you Mary..thanks for being a shining light in our lives. All our best from the Wedel Family. (I posted a note already but it hasn't appeared and its been over 12 hours so apologies if this is a repeat)

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**Kurt F. Wedel** - February 15, 2021 at 04:20 PM

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“ My heartfelt condolences to Mary's family. Mary was such a respected lady! I knew her for most of her time at LGH, while she so efficiently served her boss, P.G. Wedel! Mary was the epitome of kindness and trustworthiness always. Such a sweet lady! I ran into her some years back in the grocery store, and even in her retirement years, her kindness shined thru. I feel privileged to have known her. God bless her soul.  
Sincerely, Mrs. Eileen Flick

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**Eileen Flick** - February 15, 2021 at 11:53 AM