
Ann (Irvin) Akins(4/5/1924 - 6/23/2017)

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"I shall not die of a cold. I shall die of having lived." Willa Cather

Mrs. "Annie" Akins, the ninth of 10 children, was born April 5, 1924, in West Chester, PA to the late Cyrus Benedict Irvin and Clara Amanda Myers Irvin of "Longwood" Kennett Square, PA. She peacefully passed away, June 23, 2017, in West Chester, PA. She was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Colonel Thomas W. Akins, US [Army](#) Infantry.

Annie was a graduate of Nether Providence High School, Wallingford, PA, Delaware Hospital School of Nursing, Wilmington, DE, Tyler Jr. College and The [University of Texas](#) at Tyler, receiving B.S. and M.A. degrees.

A registered nurse and veteran, Annie was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corp, 1951-1955. She served in Korea, 1952-1953, where she met her future husband. A surgical nurse, she was assigned to Station and Evacuation Hospitals in Taegu, Korea. Decorations include, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal W/3 O/S Bars, and United Nations Service Medal.

Annie's favorite things were golf, opera, reading, writing, making and entertaining friends.

Her survivors include one brother, "Hap" Robert Irvin and his wife Barbara of Leesburg, VA, her niece, Marcy Wilmot and her husband Bill of West Chester, PA with whom she resided and many nieces and nephews.

Interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia with her beloved "Tom".

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