



Barbara Wynne McClure

September 25, 1923 - September 7, 2015

Barbara Wynne McClure, 91, formerly of New York State, passed away Monday, September 7, 2015 in Hurricane, WV.

Born September 25, 1923 in Manhattan, NYC, she was the daughter of the late Samuel Kenneth and Lois Elizabeth Crandell McClure.

Before retirement, while living in Glen Falls, NY, she wrote radio and commercial copywriting, spoke on the radio and at fashion shows, and was a retail fashion buyer. She also organized an adult community program that was the format for many foreign exchange programs. Known in the literature community as Wynne McClure, she was a published poet with several writings to her credit. A 1,008 page compilation of her collected works was published by East River Editorial in 2015. She also became a member of the Rochester Athenaeum about a year after it was organized, where she loved leading classes on art history appreciation. It was once said, "Athenaeum offers so much, it's like a University."

Surviving are her sons whose visits pleased her greatly, Steven Brooks Foehner (Dawn Schoenthal) of Poca, WV, Douglas Bradshaw Foehner (Sharon) of St. Louis, MO, Andrew Burke Foehner of Santa Cruz, CA; her sister, Anne Furry (Ron) of Ithaca, NY; three grandchildren, Beulah, Barbara and James; and five great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her former

husband and father of her children, Gale Foehner.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date in New York State. You may visit www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com to share sympathies with the family.

Memorial contributions are encouraged to Hospice Care, 1606 Kanawha Boulevard, West, Charleston, WV 25387.

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“Wynne was a beautiful person, dear friend, and fellow poet whose loss will be deeply felt. A longtime member of Rochester Poets, she had a keen eye for what could make a poem better, and our workshops were always the better for it when she attended. And while she wasn't always able to be at the workshops, she never seemed to slow down, managing to give readings for us and other groups throughout the years. Most of all, of course, she was writing, writing, writing; and the result was a handful of poetry collections of which she had every reason to be proud. Her final volume was published just this year, and many of us had the pleasure of seeing it for the first time at a sendoff luncheon in her honor on the eve of her move to West Virginia to be near her son Steven and daughter-in-law Dawn because of her increasing ill health.



I have a very fond memory of spending an entire night into the wee hours of the morning with Wynne as we went over the manuscript of "Torn for Peace," which she co-authored with her beloved partner, Paul Bither, a kind, wonderful man who was her true soulmate. Wynne and I went over every word and punctuation mark to insure that this call for peace in the world, about which she felt passionately, was exactly perfect to her.

On behalf of Rochester Poets, I offer our deepest condolences to Wynne's entire family, especially to her sons Steven, Douglas and Andrew and their respective partners and to her sister Anne and her husband Ron -- most all of whom I've had the delight of meeting.

You're in our prayers and thoughts, Wynne!

*Frank Judge
President
Rochester Poets*

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