



Marguerite Alice Bruchesi

January 1, 1920 - December 6, 2014

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Marguerite Alice Bruchesi passed away at the age of 94, on December 6, 2014, in Alexandria VA. She was born in Ottawa, Canada on New Year's Day, 1920. She was the only child of a well-respected dentist, and the grand-niece of the first Archbishop of Montreal. The progenitor of her father's family immigrated to Quebec, Canada in the early 19th century, from Palermo, Sicily. Her mother's family came to Quebec from France sometime in the 17th century. She attended a school taught by nuns of the Congregation de Notre Dame, where her artistic talents were encouraged.

Miss Bruchesi became an accomplished classical pianist, a talented artist, and later in life, enjoyed amateur dramatic productions. Miss Bruchesi also loved swimming and ice-skating, pursuing both well into her 80's. Just after the war, her ice-skating skills even attracted a job-offer with the IceCapades. [She turned them down; the pay was too low]. Instead, during the Second World War, she joined the Canadian Women's Royal Naval Service (aka the "Wrens"), a uniformed service which peaked at 75, 000 members. Their motto was "Free a Man for the Fleet." She then used the equivalent of the GI bill to pursue her university degree in Political Science at Ottawa University.

Miss Bruchesi was perfectly bilingual in French and English. After WWII, she

went to Europe, working as a secretary in both Paris and in Rome, where she learned to speak Italian. Later, she enjoyed studying Italian at Casa Italia in Washington, D.C. In the 1950's she returned to North America, moved to Washington, D.C., became a U.S. citizen, and bought her first house on Capitol Hill, living there for 30 years. She retired from the State Department, where she worked as a translator for the last 10 years of her career, after which she often volunteered as a Docent at the Folger Shakespeare Library, and travelled frequently.

A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill Roman Catholic Church, 313 Second St. NE, Washington D.C. 20002, on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 1:30 PM. Interment will take place in Notre-Dame-des-Neiges Cemetery, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Tribute Wall



“ *Marguerite Alice Bruchesi*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Lisa Holden lit a candle in memory of Marguerite Alice Bruchesi*



Lisa Holden - June 03, 2021 at 05:43 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Obituary Wall*



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 28, 2019 at 09:35 AM



“ *À la famille,
Du au décès de mon mari, je n'ai pu offrir mes condoléances plus tôt. Maman, Germaine Bruchesi Plamondon, me parlait souvent de sa cousine Marguerite Alice d'Ottawa en anticipant ses visites. Malheureusement, je n'ai pas eu l'occasion de la rencontrer.
Paule Plamondon.*

March 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Est ce que cette trÃ¨s distinguÃ©e
canadienne a des parents Ã MontrÃ©al M Paquin
?*

December 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *ChÃ¨re cousine Alice,
Repose en paix et que nos pensÃ©es et nos
priÃ¨res t'accompagne.*

December 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM