

Ellen Aikenhead Stevens

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From the moment she entered college until her death, those people who have known Ellen have echoed the words of one of her friends who said, "Ellen was a life enhancer - one of those rare people who light up the world." At the time of her final illness, she has been working as a fundraiser at the Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston. There, she was described as "joyful and unflappable," a person of spirit, radiant, with a "nice touch about life". Ellen lost her husband, Sam, in November, 2000. Together they raised three children and had four grandchildren. Ellen is fondly remembered by many MHC classmates for her infectious smile, cheerful outlook, enthusiasm for life and as Bette Keck Peterson put it so well, Ellen was "funny, bright, witty and so cheerful - always the best to talk with about politics and international events."