

Kate Mayer Hudig

January 13, 2014

From Nancy Edinbergh Weinstein: Kate Mayer Hudig passed away on January 13, 2014 after a long illness. Her death followed that of her beloved son, Carl, in July 2013. I have been in touch with Kate's daughter, Vivien, who told me that Kate often talked about her experiences at Mt. Holyoke and shared stories about her "chums at the college. I am grateful to be one of those "chums" who knew and loved her. We met freshman year when we were both in singles in North Mandelle. Junior and senior years we were roommates in Mead.

Kate was fun and fun loving, sometimes irreverently so. She also was kind and supportive and had a knack for making others feel important and significant. We became de facto members of each other's families--she joined my family for Thanksgiving and I travelled to Madison, WI for the Mayer family Christmas which was very special. My only assignment was to bring the bagels from Boston. Kate was a wonderful roommate and an even better friend. I treasured our friendship and have wonderful memories of happy times with her, her parents and three sisters.

Kate worked in Holland for NBBS, a student travel agency, after MHC graduation and met her husband, Mauk, during that time. They married in 1966, lived for five years in New York, two years in Amsterdam and settled in Montclair, New Jersey. They also had a home in Marion, MA for summer reunions of their extended families.

Education was very important to Kate. When her children were in school, she become a parent volunteer. She volunteered at the Montclair Kimberly Academy and at the Adult School of Montclair and was also a private literacy tutor. She was also a member of the Junior League and of the Mount Holyoke Club of New Jersey. She and Mauk travelled extensively through Europe which fed her interest in art, history and politics.

From Peggy Bloete Shilling:

I wanted to share with you some information regarding Kate Hudig. Her death was very shocking to me as we had become friends in the last few years in our mutual interest in Mt. Holyoke, she as a loyal member and officer of the Mt. Holyoke Club of Northern NJ and my involvement not only there but doing fund-raising for the College.

I first met Kate our Junior year in College when she gave a talk in Torrey, where I lived, about NBBS which is a Dutch student organization which runs European tours in the summer. Judy Starr, Mary Ginn Weinland, Marty Smith, and Carol Dodge, and I signed up for that summer--it was a blast-- we drove all around Europe in a VW bus with a handsome Dutch driver--what fun we had! Kate apparently worked in Holland with NBBS after graduation and met her husband, Mauk, while living there. They eventually moved to the US and have been living in Montclair for many years. Over the last several years, I have gotten to know Kate as a totally genuine and caring person. ... My husband and I also got to know the Hudigs socially and have enjoyed their friendship tremendously. Mauk is an engaging, fun guy, with a great breath of interests, particularly sailing, hence, their second home in Marion, Mass. In the last couple of years, they have been hit with several serious blows--Mauk suffered a stroke, followed by a long rehab, and they lost their son. Besides her husband, Mauk, their daughter, Viv survives.

Obituary from The Sentinel: Catherine Mayer Hudig, 74, of Montclair, NJ died on January 13, 2014 after a long illness. Kate Mayer was born to the late Carl Mayer and Ruth Randall Mayer in Evanston, IL and spent most of her childhood in Madison, WI. She attended Edgewood Campus School, Edgewood High School and graduated from Milwaukee Downer Seminary. After graduating from Mount Holyoke College, she lived in Holland for several years working for NBBS, a student travel agency. There she met her husband, Mauk Hudig. They married in 1966 and took up residence in the United States. After five years in Manhattan and two years in Amsterdam, they settled in Montclair, NJ where they have lived ever since. Eventually they also established residence in Marion, MA. Kate was active as a volunteer in the Junior League, in the Mount Holyoke Club of New Jersey, at Montclair Kimberley Academy, and at the Adult School of Montclair. She is survived by her husband, by her daughter and son-in-law Vivien and Pablo Velasco of Portland OR, and by her sisters Barbara (Frank) Rowbotham of Wellesley, MA; Carlyn (Ben) Bassham of Kent, OH; and Marianna Mayer Fuchs of Madison, WI. Her son, Carl Hudig, predeceased her in July 2013.

Contributions in Kate's memory can be sent to Christ the King Prep, attn..Fr Robert Sandoz, 239 Woodside Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104. Please note that the donation is designated for the Catherine Hudig Memorial Fund. Condolence messages can be sent

to Kate's husband, Mauk, at 44 Edgemont Road, Montclair, NJ
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