

Pamela Heinl Burdick

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Foreign service wife and friend of many, died at her Washington DC home on July 30, 2011. The daughter of Col. Robert Debs Heinl, Jr., and Nancy Gordon Heinl, she was born on August 10, 1941, in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. She was a student at the Oyster School in Washington DC, the Stella Maris Convent School in Barnstaple, England, and graduated at 15 from Visitation Academy in Georgetown (class of '57).

Just after her 16th birthday, she began as a freshman at Mt. Holyoke College. She later studied at Reid Hall in Paris, and at the Sorbonne. On July 15, 1961, she married John R. Burdick in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. She traveled extensively throughout her life, and, on postings for CARE, the Peace Corps, and AID, she lived with her family in Haiti, Colombia, Sierra Leone, Morocco, India, Nepal, and Tanzania, as well as stateside in California and Washington, DC, her first and last home.

She is survived by her former husband John R. Burdick; her daughter, Alexandra (Alexa) Gordon Roberts and husband Troy Roberts of Chester, SC; her son, Peter Robinson Burdick of Lake Placid, NY; grandsons Zachary J. Roberts and Aiden O. Roberts of Chester, SC; and her brother Michael C. Heinl of Washington, DC.

A memorial service in Washington is planned for the fall. Memorials may be made in her name to the Animal Rescue League of Washington DC.