



## Martha De Neen Cotten

August 12, 1940 - May 26, 2015

Martha De Neen Cotten passed away from this life on May 26, 2015, in Winter Park, Florida, after a period of declining health. She was born in August, 1940, in Washington, D.C., to Martha Turner De Neen and Peter De Neen.

Martha is survived by her husband of 48 years, Whitworth Cotten, Jr., of Winter Park; son Whitworth Cotten III, of Portland, OR; daughter Martha-Carole Cotten, Maui, Hawaii; daughter DeNeen Collins, Cape Canaveral, FL, and sister Barbara Stakes, White Bear Lake, MN. Martha has 4 grandsons, 2 grand-daughters, and numerous nieces and nephews in the Minneapolis area.

Martha was an Honors graduate of Rollins College, Winter Park, FL (B.S., Psychology) and held an M.A. degree in Psychology and Counseling (honors) from Hood College in Frederick, MD. Martha was a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in Florida and a member of the American Counseling Association, Florida Mental Health Counselors Association and the American Association of Christian Counselors. During her counseling career, Martha worked for the Lakeside Behavioral Health Care, Orlando Regional Health Care, and Central Florida Psychological Associates, before opening her own private practice in Winter Park. She had worked earlier in her career for the U. S. Army Walter Reed Medical Center and the U. S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory in Washington, DC, and later for the U.S Air Force Eastern Test Range at Patrick AFB and the Social Security Administration in Brevard County.

She had a lifelong passion for community service. Martha served as President of the Melbourne Junior Woman's Club and was past Regent of the WP Duval Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Winter Park. Martha was a member of the Council of 101 of the Orlando Museum of Art; American Association of University Women; University Club of Winter Park; a life sustaining member of Friends of the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra (OPO), and previously served on the OPO Board of Directors. Martha was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Winter Park for 32 years and of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Melbourne for 14 years.

Throughout her life of 74 years, Martha was a kind and generous spirit with a keen intellect, supporting family members, the University Club, Festival of Orchestras, and Orlando Museum of Art. She generously supported multiple tuition college scholarships via the DAR for deserving students in memory of her mother, Martha Turner. Martha was greatly loved by all her family, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many friends. She was a member of the Winter Park Racquet Club, the Interlachen Country Club in Winter Park, and the Eau Gallie Yacht Club in Melbourne, FL.

Funeral services celebrating Martha's life will be held on Friday, June 5, 2015, at 1.30 PM, at All Saints Episcopal Church, 338 E. Lyman Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789. Burial will be a private service in Palm Cemetery, Winter Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be considered in Martha's memory, and may be sent to The Healing Ministry at All Saints Church, at the church address above.

## Cemetery Details

### **Palm Cemetery**

1005 N. New York Ave  
Winter Park, FL

## Previous Events

### **Celebration of Life August 5th, 2017 1200 Noon at DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory**

JUN 5. 1:30 PM (ET)

All Saints Episcopal Church  
338 East Lyman Avenue  
Winter Park, FL 32792

# Tribute Wall

VF

“ Dear Grandma,  
I will always cherish the crucifix you gave to me on Christmas. I will miss you so, so much. I will always include you in my nightly prayers. I'm happy that you are not suffering any more. I will always remember the advice you have given me.  
Love your granddaughter Virginia Rose Fitch.



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**Virginia Rose Fitch** - June 03, 2015 at 07:33 PM

HM

“ To Whit and all of the Cotten Family,  
We are saddened to hear of Martha's passing. She has been a treasured member of the University Club of Winter Park for about fifteen years. Martha will be remembered by her graciousness and beautiful smile. She will be greatly missed.

With your family at heart,  
The University Club of Winter Park's Staff and Members

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**Holly Milton** - June 01, 2015 at 09:15 AM



“ Dear Mom,  
I already miss you so much. I felt your presence with me today which was so special. I've been looking through photos today, and found a sweet one of us just laughing! I remember how much you laughed when you watched Bob Newhart on TV. Dad and I would start laughing because your laugh was so loud that it was contagious! I will always remember your beautiful smile. You were a beautiful lady. I pray you are smiling right now as an angel. I love you Mom. Always. Love,  
MC



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**Martha-Carole Cotten** - May 30, 2015 at 07:22 AM

KV

*Many blessings and support during your time of need. Your mother's treasure trove of gifts she gave to the community sounds like she has a special place in Heaven. I met her once when I was volunteering for the orchestra and she was lovely! Warmest regards to you and hugs. Lots of serotonin supporting hugs.*

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**Krystal Vaught** - May 30, 2015 at 08:08 AM

KV

*Lots of love and support in your time of need. Your mother sounds like a lovely woman and she will have a special place in Heaven for her many good deeds and support for her community. I met her once when I was volunteering for the orchestra and she was so graceful. Many serotonin producing hugs for you. Lots of love, Krystal*

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**Krystal Vaught** - May 30, 2015 at 08:12 AM

JH

“ *R.I.P. Martha. Your beautiful smile will be missed by many.* ”



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**Jewel Horner** - May 29, 2015 at 09:20 PM