



## Philomene Estelle Herbots

August 19, 1925 - October 16, 2018

Philomene Estelle Marie Herbots, our loving Mother, passed away peacefully on October 16, 2018. She was 93. Estelle, as she preferred to be called, was born on August 19, 1925 in Auderghem, Belgium, a small town near Brussels. She was married to her only love, Maurice J. Herbots, for 68 years. Early on, they moved to the Belgian Congo (now the Republic of Congo) for nine years. In 1960 they escaped political upheaval there and with their three children settled in the Washington, DC area. Estelle was an extraordinary seamstress, designing gowns and high fashion dresses for Washington, DC socialites. Thereafter she worked as an administrative assistant at the Belgian Embassy. Estelle traveled extensively with her husband in the US, Canada and Europe, ultimately retiring from the Embassy in 1990 and moving to the coastal town of Oostend, Belgium. In 1997 they returned to the US to be closer to family in the DC area and San Antonio. Our Mom was a gourmet cook, enjoyed the great outdoors and reveled in the many blooms she carefully tended in her garden. She was a wonderful mother to her three children and a much-loved “Lala” or “Grandma” to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Our mother taught us the value of hard work, promoted our education, was always supportive and encouraging. She spoke three languages and loved solving crossword puzzles in all three. She always had a smile, a warm embrace, loved a good joke and laugh. She had a zest for life. She is survived by two of her children, John P. Herbots of Boerne, TX and Annie H. Green of Tappahannock, VA, her eight grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. She

was pre-deceased by her husband in 2013 and her youngest son, Luc J. Herbots, in 2015.

The family will receive friends at a celebration of her life to be held at Mission Park North Funeral Chapel at 3401 Cherry Ridge Rd, on Saturday October 27th, 2018, beginning at 1:00 P.M.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **27**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
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