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Saturday, January 28, 2023

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## Virginia T. (Ginny) Simonin



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Posted Wednesday, January 18, 2023 6:00 am

Virginia T. (Ginny) Simonin, 96 of Lafayette Hill, PA., passed away on December 29 at the Hill at Whitemarsh.

Ginny was born on September 14, 1926 in Trenton New Jersey to Alice Reid and W. Scott Taylor a third generation pharmacist. She met her future husband Robert W. Simonin at the beach in Bay Head NJ where Ginny's family owned a house. They were married on April 9, 1949 and resided in Wyndmoor until 1962 when they relocated to Charlotte, NC for Bobby's work with Dow Chemical Co. In 1968 they returned to the Philadelphia area and built a house in Ambler, PA. After Bobby passed away in 1979. Ginny returned to Wyndmoor where her home on Ardmore Avenue was a frequent stop on many Horticultural and Garden Club tours. Later in life she moved to the Hill at Whitemarsh and was one of their first residents.

An avid tennis and bridge player throughout her life Ginny loved to travel and was able to share her passions for tennis, flower arranging and gardening with friends in South Africa, Italy, England and France. At age 90, Ginny travelled to London for a birthday celebration with her granddaughter who was attending school there.

In 1980 Ginny became serious about the Philadelphia Flower Show. She was a contestant in every show from 1975 to 2017 and a perennial blue ribbon winner in the Miniature Mass Arrangement Category. Of all the awards and commendation she was given over the years the one that stood out most for her was a very special Certificate of Excellence from the Garden Club of America for a Flower Clock which consisted of flower minute and hour hands. Also possessing a natural eye for interior design she was employed for many years as a lead decorator for Design and Supply, an award-winning Philadelphia company specializing in boutique and luxury hotels around the country.

Ginny was a lifelong member of the Philadelphia Cricket Club and a member of the Wissahickon Garden Club for 52 years. She was also an active member of St. Thomas' Church and could often be found arranging flowers for the Sunday service.

Most of all, Ginny dearly loved her family, community, and the many many friends she knew throughout her life. She had a genuine “zest” for life and her positive and generous nature made her loved by all who knew her.

Ginny is survived by her son Taylor Simonin of New York, NY, her granddaughter Dr. Lane Simonin of New York, NY, two nieces, Louise Kass of Perkasio, PA and Mary Arditti of Dana Point, CA and one nephew, Scott Taylor of Yardley, PA. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert W. Simonin in 1979.

There will be a memorial service on Saturday January 28th at 11:00 AM at St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh. The service will be followed by a reception in the Parish House.

Contributions in her name may be made to Whitemarsh Foundation. Donate online [www.whitemarshfoundation.org](http://www.whitemarshfoundation.org) (<http://www.whitemarshfoundation.org>) or Whitemarsh Foundation, PO Box 538, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

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## LOCAL CALENDAR

Sun, Jan 29 @3:00pm Sponsored

### Waiting for Lefty

Quintessence Theatre  
Sun, Jan 29 @3:00pm

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Quintessence Theatre  
Sun, Jan 29 @8:00am

### Resource Hub: Pick up at-home COVID-19 tests (distribution only)

The Shoppes at LaSalle  
Sun, Jan 29 @11:00am

### The Clay Studio presents Figuring Space

The Clay Studio

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### **CHCA Agenda (/stories/chca-agenda,26556)**

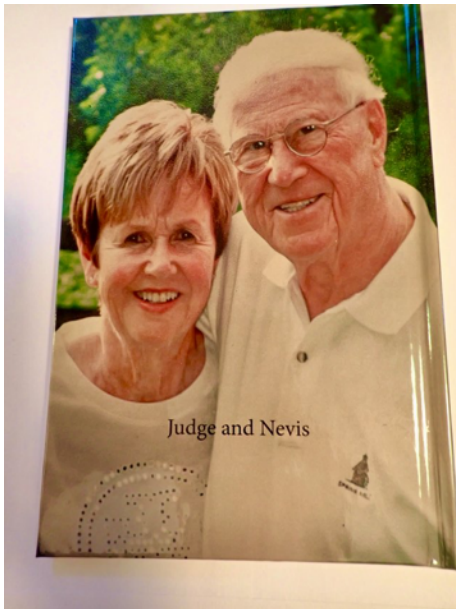
Meetings for Feb. 2 and Feb. 9



### **After 27 years, a loyal volunteer steps down (/stories/after-27-years-a-loyal-volunteer-steps-down,26555)**

Joanne Dhody, a third-generation resident of Chestnut Hill and a beloved volunteer who never met a worthy cause she would not help, is stepping down as a library volunteer after 27 years.

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### **Local real estate tycoon, father of 11, dies at 95 (/stories/local-real-estate-tycoon-father-of-11-dies-at-95,26554)**

Peter DePaul, Sr., was a true rags-to-riches story.

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### **Chestnut Hill matriarch Jean Hemphill dies at 97 (/stories/chestnut-hill-matriarch-jean-hemphill-dies-at-97,26553)**

Jean Cálves Hemphill, who raised eight children in Chestnut Hill as the wife of the late city controller Alexander Hemphill, died Jan. 23 outside Oxford, MD.



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**Documentary: Protesting is an act of faith**  
(/stories/documentary-protesting-is-an-act-of-faith,26552)

“The Nuns, the Priests, and the Bombs” is scheduled to be shown Saturday, Jan. 28, at 1:30 pm in Saint Joseph’s Hall, followed by a discussion.

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