



Katherine Foote

December 31, 1969 - October 5, 2013

Obituary of Katherine FooteFOOTE, KATHERINE - Passed away peacefully on October 5, 2013 with her loving son Arthur and daughter Priscilla by her side. She was 26 days short of her 101st birthday. Her wonderful heart started beating on October 31, 1912 and carried her through life non-stop for 36,839 days until it finally decided it was time for Kitty's next big adventure. There was not one of those days on Earth that she did not make the most of. Born on a farm in Northampton County Pennsylvania she moved by herself to New York City of the Roaring 20's, and upon stepping out of the train station in mid-town Manhattan for the very first time, she threw up her hands and proclaimed "This is MY TOWN!" She eventually landed a job with the help of golfing legend Gene Sarazen on the brand new Empire State Building as a waitress in The Tea Room on the 86th floor observation deck. It was there she met such famous notables as Winston Churchill, Babe Ruth, FDR, Al Smith, and a certain photographer for the Empire State Building named Alden Foote, who she later married and with whom she had four children, all surviving, Charles, Priscilla, Alden Jr., and Arthur. She is also survived by multiple grandchildren, Joseph, Jesse, Jennifer, Tracy, and Ian, and great grandchildren, Sydney, Lila, Jenna, Luke, Jayden, Lila , Gavin and Cole. She was without a doubt the most motivated self-starting person in the world - who, according to those who knew her best, never had a boring moment in her life. She never missed a day of work and would get up in the morning and attack mundane chores without complaint and always whistled (or hummed) while she worked. She had

numerous skills and hobbies, all invariably self-taught, which ranged from her tremendous culinary abilities, to knitting and crocheting, to being a masterful gardener, and being a surprisingly able "handyman" who would never wait for a repairman if she could help it. In her retirement which lasted over 35 years she was an insatiable reader who often remarked that she had lived a hundred lifetimes through books. She had a beautiful personality and an exceptional sense of humor and no one who ever heard her laughter would ever forget it. One of her favorite true stories was not that she danced with a 17-year old skinny kid named Frank Sinatra on an around-Manhattan evening cruise, but that she refused a second dance with him because he was too young for her, and told him so. She lived through two world wars, the Great Depression, Prohibition and so many events of both the 20th and 21st Centuries. Her son Alden Jr. wrote a play about her that was loved by all who have seen it called "The Angel of Chatham Square" which chronicled events in her life in post war New York in the '40's. Her last cognizant words in this life were "Look at the beautiful butterflies!" as she sat on her porch in Ocala, Florida. Surely, Katherine Foote entered the Kingdom of Heaven as a first ballot Hall-of-Fame woman, mother and human being. She will be always be greatly loved and sorely missed. A life well lived.

Tribute Wall



“ *Katherine Foote*

June 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *TO, CHUCK PARISILLA AUDI ART Your mothers memory of life was a very special family of love to her. I felt blessed to be at her service and to be with you to help you celebrate her new life. God Bless to you all and some day we may cross paths Brad*

BRAD LAMPLOT - November 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *No doubt Mom has connected with all her old buddies and is entertaining them from above! Thinking of all of you as her birthday approaches on 10/31 and the memorial service on 11/2... With fond Aloha, Andrea and Andy*

Andrea choo - October 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to you Turre, Audie, and all the family. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this diffecult time!*

MATTHIJS Polle - October 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dear Nanny, You always took care of me & made me laugh & made me great food & were fun to be with my whole life! There was no one like you in the entire universe! You did more with your life & did more for us than any mom/nanny ever! I'm so glad I got to be with you on your 100th birthday! It made me happy every time I saw you! I will always cherish all the good times I had growing up & staying w, you in your apartment in New York & when you came to Hawaii with us. Love You Forever, Joey!!!

Joseph LaForte - October 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ I never met Kitty Foote but I have always felt a connection with her. Her son Audie spoke of her often and his stories touched my heart and made me laugh! I spoke to Kitty on the phone a few years ago and she told me a really good dirty joke! This made me love her more! She was my kind of gal. I was cast as Kitty's best friend Blanche in *The Angel of Chatham Square*. Audie wrote this play as a tribute to his Mom's New York City experiences. Although re-creating Blanche's friendship with Kitty was part of the performance, I felt forever bonded with the real Kitty. I will always be grateful for that moment in time which allowed me to know her as a young, strong and compassionate woman. Kitty was incredibly loved by her family and friends and she made a positive impact on everyone who knew her. Kitty created memories that will out last her time on earth and she will live on in our hearts forever. Love Pamela (and Blanche)

Pamela Skidmore - October 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *My darling bff Audie, My heart aches for you and your family. What a masterful job you did on the beautiful pictures and writing of your Mom's life story. Miles apart but never out of my heart. My love and condolence to you and yours. God Bless The girl, from that state, as Mom Foote would say.*

Sandi Palant - October 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Love you forever mom*

Audie Foote - October 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ *Mom, You'll always be in my heart.*

Sissy - October 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Oh Audie, I can see you in her 100th birthday photo! What a beautiful smile. I'm thankful that you graced us with her story, what a work of art. Sounds like she had the kind of life everyone wishes to experience. You, your family and she were Blessed. Love, Debbie*

Debra Sundlie - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Bless You.*

Laura Harty - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Arthur, Sissy and Audie, Want you to know you are in my thoughts during this difficult time. I was fortunate to hear so many stories about your Mom through you all over the years. Her wonderful spirit will always be with you. Love to you all, Mary

Mary Ann Holt - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ *"Audie, Sissy and Arthur, I am blessed to have had the pleasure of meeting your Mother twice: in New York with Arthur when I attended the University of Hawaii; the second acquaintance was in Hawaii, where she relocated after retiring...This I know: she raised 4 wonderful children, 3 of whom adopted me as a surrogate "brother"...Each of you have learned and retained so many of her wonderful traits and uncanny humor...Thank each of you for allowing me the opportunity to have met "The Angel of Chatham Square"...God has Blessed Mrs. Foote, and continues to do so through her children...*

Tom Newell - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

QI

“ *What a wonderful like to have lived and to have shared with so many. We never met Kitty, but so enjoyed Audie's play and the stories it told. Cheers to a rich and long life-- well lived.*

Quincey & Dan Imhoff - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *We're so sorry for the loss of your Mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this sad time.*

Bob, Sandy & Clayton Wagner - October 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Foote Family, Kitty will sorely be missed, but we will always remember the remarkable woman she was. And all the loving memories that we shared....*

The Raimondi Family - October 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *so sorry to hear Kitty's passing. My condolences to you and your entire family Sissy.*

judy badagliacca - October 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM