

Memorial Tribute to *Rita Huddleston Liles*

September 20, 2023

Presented by Betty Jenkins

Ladies, It is a privilege to stand here today to honor Rita Liles's membership with our club. Thank you, Kelly, for asking me to do this. Rita died on June 12.

Rita joined the Club in 1988. When she died, she was a Sustainer Emeritus member. She served for many years on the Kent Valentine House Flower Committee serving as chair several times. She served as the HGW Guidebook Ads chair and on our Gifts, Programs and Long-Range Planning committees. Outside of the club, she owned her own interior design business. She loved to play golf, garden, and take long walks with friends and adored her 5 grandchildren.

While I did not know Rita well, I do remember her beautiful smile and her talent as a flower arranger. Some of our other members shared remembrances with me and I will share those with you here today.

- Cabell West and Helen Pinckney shared that Rita was a great decorator with a good eye and exquisite taste. She was a master at mirroring pairs of floral arrangements and loved doing arrangements for HGW. We will miss that talent for sure!
- Joyce Nash recalls that Rita was a wonderful gardener, flower arranger and cook. She had lovely gardens at her homes on Greenway and Lexington and was always willing to share her bounty with the club. She was also a great resource for unusual containers.
- Susie Benson echoes admiration of Rita's interior design business. She added that Rita loved a good game of bridge and a glass of wine with friends.

Should anyone like to make a memorial donation in memory of Rita, you can send that to the Alzheimer's Association or to our own Club.

Rest in peace Rita, from your Tuckahoe Garden Club friends.

*Rita Huddleston Liles'* Positions with Tuckahoe Garden Club and GCV

Member 1989-2023

- GCV HGW 2009 Guidebook and Ads Chairman
- Gifts
- HGW GCV
- KV House Flowers
- Programs
- Projects/Long Range Planning