



Sylvia Coons Ochs

November 17, 1941 - March 11, 2021

Sylvia Coons Ochs was a graceful, accomplished woman who did much for the Tallahassee community.

During her nearly 50 years in Tallahassee, Sylvia's "touch" could be felt all over town as she focused her numerous talents and powerful organizational skills developing the arts, charity, and civic projects.

Her talents, tremendous vision and organizational skills impacted Tallahassee in countless ways. Sylvia was a former operating nurse, a pilot, a professionally trained soprano, consummate pianist, played violin, organ, harpsichord, and French horn. She was a ruthless shark on the tennis court and a gourmet chef in the kitchen. Sylvia's masterful touch with flowers, decorating, organizing, and fund raising coupled with her efficient and graceful work helped transport many Tallahassee projects to record successes. She streamlined accounting procedures and established budgets for countless organizations. What really made her special was her generosity with her talents and giving of her time to put out a superior product. Through these successful endeavors she developed her most cherished friendships.

Volunteer of the year 1981 and 2006, President of the Junior League, Regional Supervisor of US Pony Club, Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra, POPS in the Park, Tallahassee Civic Ballet, Florida Heritage Foundation,

Monticello Opera, Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Sciences, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, LeMoyne Art Foundation, and Co-Founder of Red Hills Horse Trials.

Sylvia died peacefully in Tallahassee, Florida at the age of 79. Sylvia was born in Walton NY in November 1941 to Louise and Roswell Coons. She graduated with top honors from New York University's Bellevue School of Nursing and moved to Tallahassee in 1969 with her husband Dr. David Ochs, an orthopedic surgeon. Sylvia is survived by her children, Lisa Perry (Chuck) of Tallahassee, Florida, Karla Newton (Will) of Jacksonville, Florida and George Ochs (Nancy) of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Sylvia has 7 grandchildren. Olivia Perry of Staten Island, NY, David Perry of Orlando, FL, Jeffrey Perry of Pensacola, FL, Emma and Trent Newton of Jacksonville, FL, Frances and Elliott Ochs of Albuquerque, NM.

The family is receiving guests for a socially distanced Celebration of Life on Friday, March 19th from 5:00-7:00 at her home. A private memorial service will be held in Walton, NY at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Tallahassee Memorial Health Care Foundation, Tallahassee Symphony or the Leon County Humane Society.

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)

Previous Events

Visitation at Residence

MAR **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ochs Family Residence
831 Lake Ridge Dr.
Tallahassee, FL 32312

Tribute Wall

MF

“ I got to know Sylvia during the many Red Hills events I attended and also as a friend of Gayle Nelson and Pat Martin. She was vivacious and full of life and contributed hugely to the life of Tallahassee. Always friendly, a big smile, and interested in people. I have only just heard of her untimely death and am quite shocked. RIP Sylvia. Condolences to family and all her good friends. Marguerite Foxon, Sydney Australia.

Marguerite J Foxon - March 22, 2021 at 04:32 PM

TB

Margherita Foxconn, I recently got one of her paintings dated 1966 and wondered if you know of a way to get in touch with someone, I'm interested in selling it.

Teri Blessing - August 26, 2021 at 02:46 PM

CM

“ Such a great lady. She will truly be missed. I've known Sylvia for many, many years, dating back to early Red Hills and pony club days. I remember being at her house one day and we were talking about her stuffed chimpanzee that she has let me use all these years when decorating the cross country course. I am still using it to this day, and now it has even a much more special meaning. Just saw her on Tuesday with Sallie Ausley, and Wednesday at RedHills and she asked about her chimpanzee. Such a tragic loss. ❤️🙏❤️

Corinne Mathis - March 16, 2021 at 09:21 PM

PC

“ I am so Happy God took Sylvia to Heaven quickly, she needed to have a job right away and helping Heaven get organized was right up her alley. I loved your Mother, she and her side kick Sallie were the most fun at Horse shows with Alyson Ausley. I had my twin girls an myself riding so they were great help as grooms or to hold a horse. Sylvia and Sallie together created fun and it just followed them . Many a night we all would be in bar, hotel, dinner and there would be a piano, and that started Sylvia playing and Sallie singing then we all would join in the festivities and sing, We never did charge\$ for our entertainment or was kicked out, people loved your Mom and Sallie and would join in, Life was to create joy every day for your mother no matter where she was, I know you all will miss her, she will leave a big hole in everyones heart, I can not wait to see her again, Hope she is a greater at Pearly Gates . Love Patte Katie Clement and Liza Clement Register.

Patte Clement - March 15, 2021 at 04:51 PM