



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

### **GRASTY, VIRGINIA HILTON ROLLER**

Virginia Hilton Roller Grasty died at home on 22 August 2005. She was the daughter of the late Colonel Thomas J. Roller and Virginia G. Roller.

She is survived by her daughter, Virginia Hilton Somerville Hallock, and her husband, the Rev. Harold Hallock; granddaughters, Virginia Hilton Hallock, of Philadelphia, PA, and Elizabeth Hallock Andrews and her husband, Malcolm, of Brunswick, ME; great-grandchildren, Connor, Patrick and Madeleine Andrews; and her brother, **Thomas Antrim Roller '36** of Mesa, AZ. Hilton was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Pettus Grasty.

Colonel Roller was the principal and co-owner of the Augusta Military Academy at Fort Defiance, Va , which was founded after the Civil War by Charles S. Roller, Hilton's grandfather. Her association with and devotion to AMA, now closed, was always an integral part of her life.

Hilton was a graduate of Stuart Hall in Staunton, VA; and of Gunston Hall, the National School of Fine and Applied Arts, and the Catherine Critzer School of Fine Arts, all in Washington, D.C.

She was a well known interior designer, with commissions throughout Virginia and six other states. Her design studio in Charlottesville, The Red Gate Interiors, was established in 1952 and was closed upon her retirement in 1996.

Hilton was an avid world traveler and visited all seven continents and over 100 countries. She had a lifelong interest in Hispanic culture and language, frequently traveling to Spain and Latin American countries. She was a faithful supporter of the University of Virginia football program, rarely missing a home game for over 60 years.

She had been a member of the Bayly Art Museum, where she was a docent; the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts; the Junior League of Charlottesville; the Farmington Country Club and Greencroft Club; and the Rivanna Garden Club, where she was often recognized for her prize winning roses. She was also a member of the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour.

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