

## **Alison Warner Waterman, 101, Grew Up in Tokeneke, Prolific Gardener**

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Alison Warner Waterman died April 4, 2021 at Westminster Canterbury of the Blue Ridge in Charlottesville, Virginia. She was 101.

Born in Hartsdale, New York, to Frances O. Warner and Ralph Finley Warner on May 9, 1918, she grew up in Tokeneke, attended St. Margaret's School in Tappahannock, Va. and graduated from Marot Junior College in Thompson, Conn. Ali was the granddaughter of the American sculptor Olin Levi Warner.

On Dec. 25, 1942 she married Will Waterman of Montclair, New Jersey. After his wartime service they

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bought a farm in Somerset, Virginia. and begin raising Angus cattle and Southdown sheep. Ali was a prolific gardener and was an active member of the Dolly Madison Garden Club of Orange County, Va., and the Garden Club of Virginia.

Ali was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, William W. Waterman; her sister, Jean Smith and Jean's son, Warner Smith; and her sister and brother-in-law, Beatrix and John Gordon.

She is survived by her family: Colby G. Johnson (Peter), Bruce B. Gordon (Megan LeBoutillier) and Rod W. Gordon and their families, all of Charlottesville; Phyllis S. Strain of Boyton Beach, Florida; Stanton Waterman and his family of Princeton, New Jersey.

Much gratitude goes to the staff and friends at Westminster Canterbury, Charlottesville, who cared for Ali over the years.

At her request, a private interment will be held at Grace Episcopal Church, Cismont, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Fellowship Fund of Westminster Canterbury, 250 Pantops Mountain Road, Charlottesville, VA 22911, or Hospice of the Piedmont, 675 Peter Jefferson Parkway, Suite 300, Charlottesville, VA 22911.

— [an obituary](#) from Hill & Wood Funeral Service — online condolences may be left on its website.