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Margaret Pratt Schuerch

December 17, 2003 Margaret Pratt Schuerch, nee Margaret Childs Pratt, 80, of Syracuse, retired anesthesiologist and wife of Conrad Schuerch died on December 17, 2003 of complications following an automobile accident on November 27, 2003. Born in New York City on August 9, 1923, Margaret moved, at age six, to Winnipeg, Man. Canada. There she graduated valedictorian of Kelvin High School in 1939, and in 1946 obtained her M.D. from the University of Manitoba. During WWII Dr. Margaret Pratt earned the rank of Captain in the Canadian Army. Margaret met and married Conrad Schuerch (Ph.D) at McGill University, Montreal, Que. in 1948 and the following year she was awarded a Diploma in Anesthesia from that institution. The family moved to Syracuse, NY in 1949 when Conrad took a faculty position at the New York State College of Forestry. There Dr. Margaret Schuerch balanced her life as wife, mother of four, physician, and active community member. She took additional training in anesthesiology and worked at many local hospitals: Saint Joseph's, Twin Elms, Veterans Administration, Syracuse General, Crouse, and Community General. She served on the Boards of Directors for the Syracuse Youth Hostel and the Syracuse Girls' Club. A longtime member of The Women of the University, at the time of her death Dr. Schuerch was the chairwoman of the "Yarn and Darn" group. A resident of the Westcott Street area for 52 years, Margaret vacationed most years at "The Farm" in Newbury, NH. She traveled widely and maintained an international correspondence with her annual Christmas letter. Survivors include, Conrad Schuerch, her husband of 55 years; Barbara M.S. Pulleyblank of Toronto, Ont.; her daughter; sons: Conrad Schuerch of Catawissa, PA, William E. Schuerch of Washington, DC, and Peter H. Schuerch of Norwalk, CT; her children's spouses and 10 grandchildren; William F. Pratt, of Rockville, MD, her brother; and Sylvia P. Whitmer, of West Bloomfield, MI, her sister; numerous nieces and nephews, extended family and many friends. Service: A memorial service will be held at Hendricks Chapel, Syracuse University Campus at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 30. A reception in the chapel's Noble Room will follow the service. Contributions may be made to Community General Hospital Foundation at Community General Hospital, Broad Road, Syracuse, NY 13215; or to Doctors without Borders, P.O. Box 1856, Merrifield, VA 22116-8056. Phone: 1-888-392-0392. Please arrange for the family to be notified of memorial donations. ZGLEAF

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