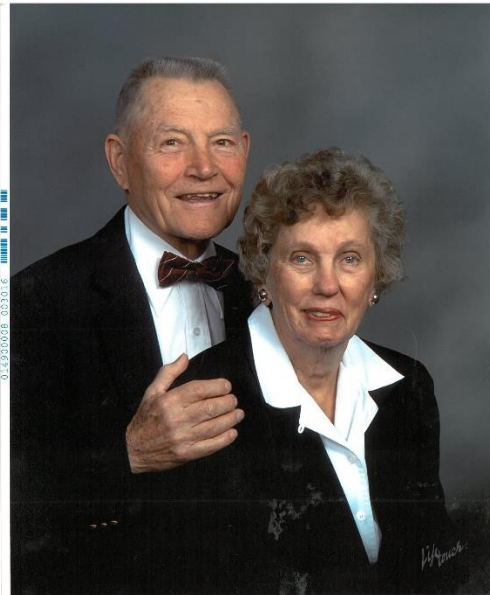


Ruth N. Skiles & Victor Henry Skiles

Dates of Death: 7/14/2014 & 1/20/2011 respectively



Mrs. Ruth Skiles passed away at age 94 in July 2014. She was born in Batesville, VA on March 12, 1925. She attended local schools and after graduating from high school, she moved to Washington, DC in 1944 to work in the US government. There, she met her future husband, Victor, who at that time was a State Department Foreign Service officer. Soon after their marriage, she began a life of extensive travel and overseas living as mentioned above. An accomplished golfer, Mrs. Skiles was a previous world Foreign Service women golf champion. She also enjoyed the challenge of a good bridge game and, as an excellent cook and genial hostess, she made full use of her international experience in highly appreciated dinner parties and receptions. She was also active in community affairs and educational support, particularly with the Annandale United Methodist Church and the University of Idaho, her husband's alma mater.

Her husband, **Victor Henry Skiles**, passed away at Fairfax Hospital on January 20, 2011. Mrs. Skiles established a scholarship in May 2012 and it was bestowed for the first time in the 2012/13 school year with a \$20,000 gift. Mr. Skiles was born in Dayton, Idaho on October 15, 1917, the son of the late Charles and Amy Anderson Skiles. Mr. Skiles graduated from Burley, Idaho, High School in 1935 and attended the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho, where he graduated in 1940. Mr. Skiles traveled to Washington, D.C. in 1940, to serve as an intern with the National Institute of Public Affairs and was assigned to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In 1942, Mr. Skiles enlisted in the Navy and was stationed in the Pacific theater as an officer. At the end of World War II, because of his experience with the Agriculture Department, he was asked to join the Quadripartite Control Council in Berlin, Germany, assisting war refugees and displaced persons. Mr. Skiles continued that work until he joined the US Department of State in Greece in 1948. Following his assignment in Greece, he returned to Washington, in 1950, working at the State Department on Greece, Turkey, and Iran affairs, and later on Middle Eastern foreign assistance affairs. In 1958, the Skiles were married, and Mr. Skiles was assigned to Israel as the Deputy Director for USAID and managed the substantial US assistance programs in that area. That work was followed by an assignment to Nairobi, Kenya, as the USAID East Africa Representative, where he established assistance programs in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. Mr. Skiles returned to Washington after his Africa assignments. A short time later he was again assigned overseas to Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), where he was USAID Representative. He initiated and directed development assistance activities in that country. From Sri Lanka, Mr. Skiles moved to Kabul, Afghanistan, where he was the Deputy Director of the large USAID program there. In all of his overseas work, Mr. Skiles focused on programs that contributed to improvements in education, agriculture, public health and administration, and food security. In 1973, his expertise and experience was recognized with a critical appointment as the USAID Representative to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and the United Nations World

Food Program, in Rome Italy. As U.S. Representative, Mr. Skiles was the U.S. spokesman on major international food and agriculture issues of the time. Mr. Skiles retired from US Government service in 1978 and returned to the Washington area to live in Northern Virginia. An avid gardener and golfer, he enjoyed cultivation of many flower varieties and was a fifty-year member of the International Country Club, as well as a thirty year member of the Pinehurst, NC, Country Club.