

Yolanda Morris Obituary



Yolanda Morris, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and sister passed away on February 4, 2026. Yolanda (née Falconi Ledesma) was born in Guayaquil, Ecuador on May 7, 1928. She grew up there surrounded by a large close-knit extended family. In 1951 she moved to New York City where two of her older brothers, Alfredo and Arturo Falconi resided. She studied at Columbia University and was later employed by large advertising firms. On an extended visit to her family in Ecuador in 1954, she met Patrick Morris, an officer with the US foreign assistance program. They were married in Quito in 1955 and transferred to Washington headquarters, where they resided until 1958. During her

husband's career they served in Bolivia, Venezuela, France, and Dominican Republic, as well as extended periods in Washington D.C. Yolanda was charming, engaging and gregarious and made friends easily. During their long years in the Foreign Service, she raised four children and made lasting friendships wherever they served. Her family was central to her life and she was a loving and devoted mother and wife. She enjoyed playing bridge and loved fashion and art. Since childhood she had dreamed of living in France and that became a reality when Patrick transferred the family to Paris to take a position with the OECD in the 1970's. She had a passion for travel and planned exciting trips for her family throughout Europe and to Morocco. While in Paris, she learned French and took lessons at the Cordon Blue cooking school and became a gourmet cook. She regaled her family with extraordinary, delicious meals. Friends and extended family celebrated her for her intimate dinner parties. Yolanda went out of her way to extend her hospitality to her siblings, nieces and nephews. In later years she showered her grandchildren with love. Starting in 1995, Yolanda thoroughly enjoyed fifteen years serving as a trilingual volunteer at the National Gallery of Art, in Washington DC. Yolanda is predeceased by her siblings, Arturo, Ricardo, Alfredo, and Gustavo Falconi Ledesma and Elena Falconi de Moreno.

Yolanda is survived by her husband, Patrick F. Morris, their children: John Morris, Patricia Morris(Omar Flores), Stephen Morris(Barry Abel), Kevin Morris (Monica Palacios) and grandchildren: Devin Morris (Amber), Gabriela Morris-Flores, Beck and Fiona Morris. Services private.

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