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Norfolk - Anne Ballard Shumadine, a quiet and thoughtful businesswoman, philanthropist, and advisor died peacefully on July 24. A success at all she did, she is most remembered by her family and friends as a loving and loved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and true friend, who cherished the successes of those around her more than her own. In all her endeavors, she did the right thing.

Anne was the daughter of William P. Ballard and Helen C. Ballard. She grew up in Riverview in Norfolk and went to Norfolk Public Schools, graduating valedictorian from Granby High School which included her in its Granby High School Hall of Fame. She was the first recipient of the Virginian Pilot Scholastic Achievement Award and went on to Wellesley College.

In her senior year at Wellesley, she met her husband, Conrad M. Shumadine, a law student at Harvard Law School. They were married on September 1, 1965, and she supported his legal education by teaching math at the Nashoba Country Day School in Concord, Massachusetts. When she returned to Norfolk, she became active in community work and started her first entrepreneurial venture as a minority owner of the Par 3 Ski Shop.

At age 37, she enrolled at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary to earn her law degree. She was first in her class and editor of the law review. Anne began her legal career with the predecessor firm of McGuireWoods. She then formed her own law firm which grew and became Shumadine & Rose where Anne was recognized for her expertise in tax and financial planning. Recognizing a need to counsel her clients in thoughtfully and properly passing on their wealth to their heirs and charitable institutions, Anne founded Signature Family Wealth Advisors in 1994 and was the Chair of Signature at her death.

Inspired by the model set by William & Mary Law School Dean Bill Spong, she emulated his commitment to the role of the citizen lawyer with a commitment not only to the legal profession but to the public good. Anne took special joy in helping others and in making a difference and encouraged all those around her to do the same.

Anne served as Trustee and President of the Norfolk Day Nursery Association, (predecessor to Children's Harbor), Trustee and President of the ACCESS College Foundation, Rector of the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University, Board Director of CENIT Bancorp, Inc., Trustee of the Old Dominion University Education Foundation, Rector of the Board of Visitors of Eastern Virginia Medical School, Trustee of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Trustee of the Chrysler Museum of Art, Trustee and Chair of the investment committee of Virginia Wesleyan University, and a member of the Wellesley College Business Leadership Council.

She was awarded the Safe Harbor Anchor Award by Children's Harbor in 2002. In 2011, she received the LEAD Hampton Roads Visionary award, the Baron F. Black Community Builders award from the Hampton Roads Community Foundation, and the Citizen Lawyer award from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary. In 2014, she was inducted into the Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame. In 2017, she was recognized as the best multi-family office executive by Family Wealth Reports. During the formation of the Batten Honors College in 2017, Virginia Wesleyan University recognized Anne's leadership and lasting legacy by establishing two-thirds tuition scholarships for Batten Honors College students known as Shumadine Scholars. In 2018, she received the T.C. and Elizabeth Clarke Medallion, the highest honor given by the Raymond A. Mason School of Business at the College of William & Mary.

She is survived by her loving husband of nearly 53 years, Conrad, sons, John B. Shumadine (and wife, Catherine) of Portland, Maine, and James H. Shumadine (and wife, Elizabeth) of Norfolk, three grandchildren, Emma Shumadine, Sam Shumadine, and Charlotte Shumadine, sister, Elizabeth B. Lasher, of McLean, Virginia, brother, William P. Ballard, Jr. (and wife, Margaret), of Cape Charles, Virginia, three nieces and two nephews.

Throughout her life, she displayed quiet confidence and extraordinary ability. She was an exceptional cook and gardener and a consummate hostess. In younger days, she was a competitive tennis player. Her business dealings were marked by caring, considerate, and individually crafted advice, which were ever present in her relationships with her family and friends.

There are far too many friends to specifically thank for their caring concern during Anne's illness, but the Shumadine family wants to give special recognition to Jan Jinright, Tammy Lawrence, Theresa Butler, and the staff of Medi Home Health and Hospice for their dedicated loving and professional care given during the last days of Anne's illness.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, July 29, 2018, at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 7400 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the ACCESS College Foundation, 7300 Newport Avenue, Suite 500, Norfolk, VA 23505 or www.accesscollege.org/donate. H. D. Oliver Funeral Apts., Norfolk Chapel is handling arrangements. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.hdoliver.com

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