



Cora Anne Cowie

November 24, 1935 - May 3, 2025

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Also known as Ann Eynon

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Cora Anne (Shilson) Cowie, also known as Ann Eynon, passed away peacefully in Baltimore on the morning of May 3rd. She was 89 years old.

Born and raised in Cardiff, Wales, Anne was the beloved daughter of Arthur Reginald Shilson and Cora (Brett) Shilson. Her early adult life took her from Wales to London and later to Ottawa, Canada before eventually settling in Baltimore, Maryland where she raised her family.

Anne led a vibrant, multifaceted life. She worked in fashion, wrote a home interest column for the Baltimore News-American, and taught etiquette classes. Deeply connected to her Welsh roots, Anne founded the Welsh Studies Institute of North America (Cymdeithas Madog) and did pre-production scouting for several BBC Wales documentaries.

She later established Trails through Wales, a company through which she designed and led cultural tours to Wales and Ireland for the Smithsonian Institution. Anne held a deep love for West Wales and Ireland. With her rich knowledge of local history and culture, local friendships - and a gift for

discovering hidden gems - Anne introduced countless people to the beauty and stories of West Wales and Ireland. She was instrumental in establishing the sister city relationship between Annapolis, Maryland, and Newport, Pembrokeshire, Wales.

During this time, Anne played a key role in publishing the 1862 Swiss travel journal of her great-great-grandfather Alfred Miell. Miell traveled through Switzerland with his acquaintance Thomas Cook, Britain's pioneering travel entrepreneur. An avid traveler herself, Anne explored diverse cultures and natural landscapes visiting six of the seven continents around the globe.

In the second part of her life, Anne divided her time between Baltimore and the coastal towns of Saint David's and Newport in West Wales. She found joy living near the sea, where on clear days, she could gaze across the Irish sea, and see the Wicklow Hills of Ireland in the distance.

Anne is survived by her children, Nicholas Cowie, Johanna Cowie (Dan Goodman), and Sarah (Don) Miller, as well as five grandchildren - Olivia and Georgia Cowie, Max and Anna Goodman, and Nathan Miller. She is also survived by her sister Diana (Peter) Andrews, three nieces, five great-nieces and nephews, and many friends. She was preceded in death by her former husband David Cowie.

A memorial gathering will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the following:

The Pembrokeshire Coast Charitable Trust

<https://pembrokeshirecoasttrust.wales/support-us/donate-to-project/>

Maryland Public Television

<https://donate.mpt.org/mptv/tribute>

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