



## Dr. Sheila Lloyd Waiter

June 10, 1932 - July 19, 2025

Dr. Sheila Lloyd Waiter passed away peacefully on 19 July 2025 in Huntington, Long Island, New York, aged 93, after a long and gradual decline in health. She is deeply mourned by her family and all who knew her.

Sheila was born on 10 June 1932 in Sunderland, in the northeast of England, the only child of

Henry and Nellie May Wilson (née Lloyd), both teachers. Bright, conscientious, and

independent, she stood out from a young age. At the Reverend Bede Grammar School for Girls,

she excelled academically - particularly in mathematics and the sciences - and distinguished

herself athletically, representing her school in tennis, field hockey, and fencing.

A talented

musician, she played both piano and cello, and was appointed Head Girl in her final year.

In 1950, she won a place to study medicine at King's College, University of Durham - one of

only three women in her year. It was a remarkable achievement at a time when few women

entered the profession. In 1955, she was awarded M.B., B.S. (Bachelor of

Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery), and went on to postgraduate positions in Obstetrics and Haematology.

She married Robert Waiter, also of Sunderland, on 6 July 1957. The couple lived in Cheshire

then Gloucester. During this time, Sheila worked part-time as a general practitioner while raising

two young children, Michael and Susan. She also pursued a wide array of interests - including

brass rubbing, needlework and dressmaking, gardening, golf, and especially tennis, which she

played with a competitive spirit well into her later years.

In 1969, the family relocated to Cobham in Surrey. In 1971, she was approached to join the UK's

Department of Health and Social Security as a Medical Officer. Over the next eight years, she

built a successful career administering Pathology services across the country, ultimately serving

as Senior Medical Officer.

In 1980, Sheila and Robert emigrated to the United States following Robert's promotion, and

settled in New Vernon, New Jersey. Though the move brought an abrupt end to her established

medical career, Sheila embraced the challenge of setting up home in a new country with

characteristic determination. In 1982, she embarked upon a second, highly successful career in

the pharmaceutical industry, working in clinical development, and latterly drug safety and

regulation at Ciba-Geigy, Berlex Laboratories, and Sandoz. She retired in 1996 as Executive

Director of Pharmacovigilance. In recognition of her contributions, she was awarded membership of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians of the United Kingdom.

Sheila remained active, intellectually curious, and socially engaged in retirement. She became a U.S. citizen in 1999, and relished in new her role as grandmother to Anna. She continued to play tennis, restored antique chairs, and volunteered at the local library.

Sheila was predeceased by her husband, Robert, and by her many feline companions - Jackson, Sheba, Shara, Mimi, Nicky, etc. She is survived by her children, Michael and Susan, her cherished granddaughter, Anna, and her son-in-law, Glenn Tyranski. In remembrance of Sheila's life and love, memorial donations may be made to the Orphan Kitten Club (<https://orphankittenclub.org/donate/>) and/or Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (<https://give.doctorswithoutborders.org/>).

# Previous Events

## Private Cremation

JUL 22 (ET)

A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc.  
1380 New York Avenue  
Huntington Station, NY 11746  
(631) 423-2185  
jacobsenfuneral@gmail.com

## Memorial Visitation

AUG 3. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Church Service

AUG 4. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church  
12 Prospect Street  
Huntington, NY 11743

# Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dr. Sheila Lloyd Waiter.*



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August 01, 2025 at 02:39 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Dr. Sheila Lloyd Waiter.*



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July 31, 2025 at 07:20 AM