

Carol Jennifer Burgess O'Shaughnessy née Hill

19 June 1936 – 7 April 2015



I am very sad to report that Carol suffered a massive stroke early in April and died in hospital a few days later. Her funeral and committal on Saturday 18 April 2015 was at St Michael and All Angels church, Crux Easton, a short step from her home in the Manor House.

On a glorious Spring afternoon her coffin was pulled to the church at her request by a restored Ferguson tractor, followed by a dense mass of mourners. As her son Justin said in his eulogy:

“What we are here to do is exactly as she wished – to bury her in what she always spoke of as her own little piece of England. Carol was born to Elsie Maud Burgess and William Leonard Hill in St Pancras, London in 1936 and her

father, Captain Hill, bought Crux Easton Farm and moved his family down here as war broke out, which means that we have had an association with Crux Easton for almost 80 years and four generations.

Your presence is testament to a woman who was invested in this place over her entire lifetime and the fact that she will now lie here, in this place, for evermore could not be more fitting.”

“One of the high points of Carol’s life was, along with her sister Lyn and the Hampshire Mills Group, to refurbish the Crux Easton Wind Engine and to establish the Conservation Trust to care for it. The Trust brought her much joy, not least through her friendship and relationship with John Christmas, with whom she spent the last years of her life in loving companionship.”

Carol was buried next to her husband Patrick who died twelve years ago, and she is survived by her two sons Justin and Grant and their families, and her identical twin sister Lyn.



Ruth Andrews - Tractor photo by Wendy Nicholls

Picture of Carol - Eleanor Yates