Sally Flowerree Harrison of Deer Isle, ME, died peacefully on December 24th, 2018. She was 93 years old. She is survived by her four children, Eliza, Sally, Anne and Tom, 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, 2 sons-in-law and a daughter-in-law. Her husband of 61 years, Thomas S. Harrison, died in 2010. Sally was a devoted mother and wife whose wit, intellect, openness and constant curiosity connected her to friends, family, and community, with whom she kept up over a lifetime. She had a passion for history and politics that kept her always in touch with the world.

Sally was born in Baltimore, MD, October 16, 1925, where she attended The Bryn Mawr School, graduating at the top of her class, and then went on with a full scholarship to Radcliffe College. She returned to Baltimore when the scholarship ran out and took a job at Johns Hopkins Hospital as a liaison for international patients in the pediatric cancer unit. While there she met and married Tom Harrison, with whom she raised their four children in Wilmington, DE, Racine WI, and then for 20 years in New Canaan, CT, before finally moving to Deer Isle, ME.

An avid reader herself, she was a passionate believer in literacy for children, which led her to her long-time involvement in Children’s Theater, through the Junior League of Stamford CT, and then later at the Deer Isle Elementary School reading program working with kindergartners and first graders. She was also a political being, involved in the movement to unseat Senator Joe McCar~~t~~hy when she lived in his state of Wisconsin. A lifelong Democrat, she was an active supporter of John F. Kennedy in the 1960 election in the Republican town of New Canaan, and, in her later years, was involved in the democratic caucuses on Deer Isle. Much of her adult life centered around the water. She was at first a reluctant sailor, but became a capable crew, and voice of reason through gales (natural and otherwise) while racing with her husband on their boat, Jada, on Long Island Sound and Penobscot Bay.

In 1978 Sally and Tom moved to Deer Isle where Tom’s family had been summer residents since 1884. They were one of the first in the family to make Deer Isle a full time home, and Sally quickly found her footing in the larger island community. Her openness to what was new and interesting easily allowed her to make friends with young and old, always finding a way into the concerns and questions, however big or small, of another life.

As the last living member of her family’s generation, she was beloved by an extended family, leaving behind more than 50 nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and nephews, and cousins. Hers was a life well lived. A celebration of her life will be held on August 3rd, 2019.

Contributions can be made in her name to Memorial Ambulance Corp., Island Health & Wellness Foundation or the Deer Isle Library.