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CLARE STOUT, EXPLORER AND MALACOLOGIST,

DIES IN NEW CANAAN

Clare Stout, wife of the seventh president of the Museum and a malacologist and explorer in her own right, died on Monday, May 8, at her home in New Canaan, Connecticut. She was 81. Clare Stout had a significant role in the development of the Hall of Mollusks and Mankind.

Mrs. Stout, an avid collector of marine shells, personally raised the funds for the Hall of Mollusks and Mankind. She encouraged the Board of Trustees to implement construction of the Hall, an interdisciplinary exhibit combining biological and anthropological materials.

Gardner D. Stout was president of the Museum from 1968 to 1975. Mrs. Stout accompanied her husband on his worldwide travels; she was his secretary and photographer on these trips.

She and Mr. Stout, together with Harry Shapiro, curator in the Department of Anthropology, and C. Lavett Smith, curator in the Department of Herpetology and Ichthyology, undertook an expedition to the Society Islands in the early 1970s to examine relics of prehistoric Polynesian society and collect fish and shell specimens.

Even after her husband's passing in 1984, she remained a generous benefactor and an energetic supporter of the Museum. Her contributions have been allocated to the conservation of bird art, an area in which her husband shared an extreme interest.

Clare Stout is survived by her sons, Gardner, Jr., and Prentice. A third son, Richard, died in 1970.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 13, at 12 noon, at the First Presbyterian Church, 178 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan, Connecticut.

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