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**Evelyn Thomas Kirshbaum**

## **KIRSHBAUM**

Evelyn Thomas Kirshbaum, 80, of Takoma Park, Md., and formerly of Boone, died Oct. 23, 1999, of heart failure, at the Mariner Care Facility in Kensington, Md.

Mrs. Kirshbaum was a 1936 graduate of Boone High School and received her bachelor's and masters degrees at the University of Iowa. She was a violinist with the Denver, Houston and Dallas orchestras from 1943 through 1948. She spent some time as a researcher with a marine biology acoustics research institute in San Diego. She married Morris Kirshbaum in 1951.

In 1950 she went to Washington D.C. and worked as a freelance violinist at the Kennedy Center, playing at its opening where Leonard Bernstein directed his Mass, specifically composed for that performance. She also played summer concerts at the Wolf Trap Farm Park and the National Ballet Orchestra from 1965 to 1974, retiring in 1979.

She is survived by two daughters, Ruth Stewart of Arlington, W.Va., and Leslie Shire of Kingston, Pa.; one sister, Vivian Stumbo of Boone; and three grandchildren.