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Sylvia "Dutch" Ness Rossenwasser '41

Sylvia Ness Rossenwasser was born on August 1, 1920 in Manning, South Carolina but was raised in Denmark, South Carolina. She graduated from Winthrop College in 1941 with a major in English. While at Winthrop she was the editor of the Johnsonian and had the opportunity to interview First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

In 1943 she enlisted in the first class of the W.A.V.E.S. (U.S. Navy) during World War II. She was assigned to Washington, D.C. to work on breaking the Japanese code and served as a Lieutenant until 1946. She met and married Lt. JG Arthur Rosenwasser of Yonkers, NY, in 1946, who later became Chief Justice of the U.S. Coast Guard Court of Military Appeals. They had two children.

Sylvia Rossenwasser died November 24, 2007 due to respiratory failure.