



Barbara Mehr

September 2, 1923 - June 2, 2013

Barbara (Gleason) Mehr of Avon and West Hartford passed away peacefully surrounded by the loving embrace of her family on June 2, 2013. "Lee", as she was known by her friends, was born in Duluth, Minnesota on September 2, 1923. She was married to her husband, Bill, for 66 years, and together they raised three children. Her happiest childhood memories were spent in Wisconsin with her Grandma Gleason and growing up like sisters with her aunt, Helen Biondi. Besides her husband, Lee leaves her daughter Karen Flanagan and her husband Michael, and their two sons, Chris and Ryan of West Hartford; her daughter, Marlene Kirkby and her husband Michael, and their four children, Andrew, Carly, Nina, and Lilly of West Hartford; and her son, David Mehr and his wife Wendy, and their three children, Robert, Morgan, and Ryan of Canton. Lee is predeceased by her brother, Charles Gleason, and is survived by her brother, Robert Gleason. After retiring from The Hartford Financial Group, Lee spent her remaining years in Avon where she and Bill were very active in Church affairs at Christ Episcopal Church. She especially enjoyed putting on holiday dinners for her family. Her kitchen was the heart of her home where lasting memories were made. Lee's love of history and travel guided her to many countries. One of her favorite summer retreats was her cottage in Old Saybrook. A graveside service was held for the immediate family on Thursday, and a Memorial Service will be held in July.