



Grace Bragaw

February 19, 2017

Grace (Darling) Bragaw, 78, of Chester, CT passed away on February 19, 2017. Born in New Haven, CT, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Bertha Darling. She is survived by her son, Robert Bragaw (Wendy) of Myrtle Beach, SC and daughter Lisa Ellovich (David) of West Hartford, CT, her 4 grandsons, Robert Bragaw, Stone Bragaw, and Benjamin and Zachary Ellovich as well as 3 great-granddaughters, Aubrey, Shayanna, and Paisley. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 47 years, Robert B. Bragaw, as well as her brothers, Edward, Frank, Fred, Bert, Harry, & John. Calling hours are being held on Thursday, February 23, 2017 from 4:00PM - 7:00PM at Molloy Funeral Home at 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford CT. Burial will be private at the request of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, or to the charity of your choice. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
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Tribute Wall

LE

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Lisa Ellovich - February 26, 2017 at 09:59 AM

AC

“ Grace was a wonderful addition to our local community. When we opened our shop on Main Street in Essex she was one of our first customers and continually one of our best supporters. She and Meg would often come in and lend us compliments and best wishes and she always found some treasure to take home. It was always a pleasure to see her and we are sad to hear of her passing. There are few people in one's everyday routine as kind and supportive of others as Grace.

Our deepest condolences to those who loved her.

-Adam Calkins and Dennis Pough

Adam Calkins - February 23, 2017 at 11:38 AM

MZ

“ Grace was a great friend to me. We shared many seasons full of affection, support, encouragement, and fun. Grace and I became friends after a providential encounter at the Essex Coffee and Tea Company on main street in Essex, CT. At that time I was still in the Navy, working at the Naval Submarine Base, New London, CT.

Grace and I would meet once or twice a week in Essex at the coffee shop and talk our hearts out....we laughed and shared stories. She was a very good story teller...shared many stories about her loving family, children, and husband. We would often walk back and forth window shopping on Main street and let nature speak to us in the beauty of the four season of New England. She loved to walk by the water next to the Connecticut River Museum, ponder through art galleries, and have lunch at the Black Seal or Griswold Inn. She loved people....sometimes we would run late for lunch because she had to stop to talk to an interesting local or tourist. She knew how to be a friend to all.

I remember how on one occasion when we talked about our own challenges in life...she said, Meg, "all of us have challenges in life...things that "knock us off our feet"....but what can you do....you keep at it...you keep going...follow your dreams." Then she smiled, and asked if I was ready for a second cup of coffee - refill is on me! She taught me a lot about resilience, genuine care, and family.

I'm grateful for everything she has given me....loving memories of heartfelt friendship during my last tour of Naval service...memories that will last a life time. My dear friend, I will miss you very much....I wish you "Fair Winds and Following Seas" - Thank you for caring for this Navy gal! Love, Meg



Meg Zepeda - February 22, 2017 at 09:01 PM

LE

*Meg, your words are beyond comforting ... I am blessed that mom connected with you before she left this world,, the phone call, the card, the photos, truly gave her such joy and peace. It was all these things that helped her to calm down and let go... Thank you also for the beautiful flowers..... simple and elegant ... much like my mom.....If you are ever up this way, please let me know... I would love to hear more about your Grace memories!
Much love, Lisa*

Lisa Ellovich - February 24, 2017 at 07:38 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Grace Bragaw.



February 22, 2017 at 08:24 PM

SW

“ Grace was our wonderful mystery neighbor for ten plus years. We were the new guys living across the street from her and Robert. After Robert died, Grace was the energizer bunny - always going ,always doing her thing! She was my husband's hero harassing the speeders on Maple Street and making sure all the lawn workers did what she wanted! She obviously loved her privacy and only once, when she lost her keys in Essex, did she graciously ask for assistance.
We never got an opportunity to really know her, but we were privileged to watch and observe an elegant lady who was able to "do her thing"!

Sydney & Pat Woomer - February 22, 2017 at 06:55 PM

LE

I love your description of her.....and that is how I will hold her in my memories.....I will have to stop over and introduce myself next time I am down there! Lisa Ellovich

Lisa Ellovich - February 22, 2017 at 07:51 PM

FR

“ *Forever friends, Meg Zepeda, LCDR, USN, RET purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Grace Bragaw.*



Forever friends, Meg Zepeda, LCDR, USN, RET - February 22, 2017 at 03:30 PM

LF

“ *Aunt Gracie took me everywhere when I was a little girl. we were very close as I was growing up. I loved going with her to downtown New Haven where we would visit grandpa at work, at George and Harry's. I had spoke to her a while ago, but I was looking after mom and did not get the time to visit. She was a very good person and we will never forget her. our condolences to Bobby and Lisa and family. Buddy and Linda*

linda darling fanning - February 22, 2017 at 02:29 PM

LE

*Linda and Buddy,
So nice to hear from you! Thanks for sharing some fun memories :). I love thinking about my mom being young and energetic and taking you places!! I found some old wedding photos, and had forgotten that you were in her wedding!! Gorgeous! Thanks for the memories! I hope you are all doing well:)
Love, Lisa*

Lisa Ellovich - February 22, 2017 at 07:58 PM