



Harriet G. Fitzgerald

September 18, 2011

Harriet G. Fitzgerald, 93, beloved wife of Robert P. Fitzgerald, died Sunday, September 18 at her home in West Hartford. A woman of great intelligence, dignity, and compassion, a teacher by training, she spent her whole life learning, sometimes through her global travels with her husband, sometimes through her love of reading and history, and always through her keen observance of everything around her, from wildflowers growing along the beach to inequities in our society.

Born in New Haven, the daughter of the late George Gaffney and Harriet Bradley Gaffney, she had lived in West Hartford most of her adult life, spending her summers at Black Point and many winters at Ponce Inlet, FL. after her husband's retirement. A graduate of the New Haven Teachers College, she taught elementary school before marriage took her to the Hartford area, where she raised four daughters. She was a member of The Country Club of Farmington and an active parishioner at St. Peter Claver Church. She was deeply involved in civic and charitable activities, including The League of Women Voters, The Hartford Art League, and the West Hartford Public Schools.

Widowed when her beloved husband of 66 years, Bob, died last march, Harriet is survived by her four daughters, Jane Marcin, longtime resident of Glastonbury, CT, now of Vernon, CT, Betsy Fitzgerald and her husband

Douglas Paal of Bethesda, MD, Nancy Fitzgerald of West Hartford, CT, and Ann Fitzgerald and her husband Christopher Sammartano of Ipswich MA. Her grandchildren, Christine Marcin and her husband Andrew Stifel, David Marcin, Alice Paal and her husband Mark Hitchcock, Victoria Paal, and Cooper Sammartano also survive her.

Private services will be held this Friday at The McAuley in West Hartford. Donations in her memory may be made to the charity of your choice. Other remembrances may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dear Fitzgerald family
We are sorry for you loss and will remenber Harriet in our prayers.
We remenber her as a good neighbor
and some fun times shared at the Westburys. God bless you all in
your time of sorrow.
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