



## Jane B. Maher

MAHER, Jane Boswell Jane Boswell Maher passed away peacefully on Tuesday May 24, 2005 at the age of 87. She was predeceased by her husband, Stuart, in 1988. Born in Paris, TX in 1918, Jane was raised in Ada, OK and was always very proud of her Southwestern roots. She graduated from the Walnut Hill School in Natick, MA in 1936 and then attended Smith College in Northampton, MA. After graduating from Smith in 1940, Jane worked in Washington, DC for Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma. She met her husband, Stuart, at a friend's wedding. They were married in 1942 in New York City. While Stuart was serving in the Pacific with the U. S. Navy during World War II, Jane moved to San Francisco to be closer to him and to work for the American Red Cross Services to the Armed Forces. After the war, Jane and Stuart settled in Connecticut where they raised their family in West Hartford. Jane was involved in the PTA, the Girl Scouts and the Board of the Children's Museum. She later served on the boards of the Hartford Region YWCA and the Hartford Smith College Club. She was also a dedicated, 25 year volunteer with the Avery Heights Nursing Home in Hartford. Jane was a longtime member of the First Church of Christ Congregational in West Hartford and was a 17 year resident of The McAuley, 275 Steele Road, in West Hartford. As long as she was able, Jane was an avid walker in her West Hartford neighborhoods. She is survived by her three daughters, Sara Atherton of Bethesda, MD, Karen Couric of Moraga, CA, and Cynthia Shestak of Pittsburgh, PA, as well as a granddaughter, seven grandsons and two

great-granddaughters. A memorial service will be held at The McAuley on Monday, May 30, at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jane's memory to a charity of the donor's choice.