



Jeanne S. Espie

June 23, 1914 - December 20, 2009

Jeanne S. Espie, 95, wife of the late Robert G. Espie, to whom she had been married for 66 years prior to his passing, died after a short illness Sunday December 20, 2009 in West Hartford where she had made her home the past 70 years. Jeanne was a special lady, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend, with a delightful sense of humor and the ability "to turn leftovers into a gourmet meal". Born in Toronto, Canada, she was the daughter of the late Sydney J. and Kate McLeod Struthers. Jeanne earned her degree in dental nursing from the University of Toronto. She was a member of the Hartford Golf Club, playing bridge, bowling and golfing into her 90's. Although short in stature she hit the ball "long and straight". She prided herself in completing the Courant's crossword puzzle in 30 minutes each day. A founding member of the West Hartford Evening Garden Club, her family said she was found at times planting bulbs in the dark. Jeanne and Robert had enjoyed traveling together for many years. She is survived by her two daughters and sons-in-law, Heather E. and Robert J. Martocci of Newington and Elizabeth E. and Douglas W. Gillette of West Hartford, and her grandchildren, Holly Martocci of Norwalk, Katie Martocci of Boston, and Charles Gillette and William Gillette both of West Hartford, and her great grandchild Caleb T. Gillette.

Services were private. Donations in her memory may be made to The Salvation Army, Southern New England Division, ATTN: Donations, 855 Asylum Ave. Hartford, CT 06106.

Tribute Wall



“ Heather and Liz, so sorry to hear about your Mom. She was a wonderful lady. Many fond memories babysitting and watching the older folk enjoy a few cocktails!

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“ A voice from the past - your Junior High School Science Teacher. Sorry about your mother's passing. She had a long and productive life. Wrote a long message to you but I guess it was too long. Keep smiling; I'll never forget that smile. Merry Christmas.###imported-begin###Lou Salvio###imported-end##

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