



## Kathryn Desmond Bracken

April 23, 1915 - December 24, 2007

BRACKEN. Kathryn Desmond

Kathryn Desmond Bracken, 92, of Hartford, died Monday, December 24, 2007. Kay was the wife of the late Hon. John J. Bracken, a former Attorney General of the State of Connecticut and Superior Court Judge. They were married on April 10, 1944. Born in New Haven, the daughter of the late William and Mary Agnes Schroeder Desmond, she moved with her husband to Hartford, living on Scarborough Street where they raised their family. She graduated from Mt. St. Joseph Academy and was a member of the first class of St. Joseph College. She had chaired the Archbishop's Ball, and the Barrister's Ball, volunteered with the House of Good Shepard, St. Thomas Seminary Guild, St. Agnes Guild, St. Francis Hospital Women's Guild and had been active within the parish organizations of St. Joseph Cathedral and St. Peter Claver Church. Mrs. Bracken was an avid bridge player, loved the Red Sox and her piano music, but her life was centered on loving, raising and caring for her family. She is survived by her four children and their spouses, Marianne and her husband Atty. John J. O Neil, Jr. of Simsbury, Atty. John J. Bracken III and his wife Sherri of Avon, Meg Bracken Cherchia and her husband Peter of Medway, MA, Kitty-Jo Reynolds and her husband John of Bloomfield; her brother, William Desmond and his wife Justine of Madison; six grandchildren, Katie Carron and her husband John, Amy Fissell and her husband Mark, John J. O Neil III and his fianc Danielle Courtier, Sara Cherchia, Elizabeth Cherchia, and Paul Cherchia, and 3 great grandchildren;

Jack, Brenna, and Ryan. She was predeceased by her son William D. Bracken and her brother the Rev. John Desmond. We would like to thank the staff of Brightview of Avon for their loving care and attention to their mom and compassion for her entire family. We also thank Drs. Gregory Walsh and Richard Fairbrother for all their kindness and care. Friends are invited to join Kay's family at the celebration of her mass of Christian Burial on Saturday Dec. 29th at 10:00 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, Hopmeadow St. Simsbury. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Calling hours are Friday Dec 28th from 4-7 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford. Donations in her memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital P.O. Box 3704 Memphis, TN 38103. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Jack - we were so sad to hear that your Mom passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Anne Massucco, Tod and Ross Alberghini##imported-end##

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January 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Marianne and John I know how difficult it is to lose a parent at this time.  
We prayed for the repose of her soul yesterday morning at St. Agnes Church. Please acceptance my condolences to you and your family.##imported-begin##John J. Sullivan##imported-end##

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December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jack and Sherri,  
Barbara and I would like to extend our sincere condolences for your loss. Just from reading the obituary, it is apparent that Mrs. Bracken was a wonderful person. I would mention that recently a maintenance man from Brightview was working in my law office, changing a light. When I mentioned Mrs. Bracken and asked if he was familiar with that name, he actually climbed down from the ladder and expressed to me what a kind and wonderful lady she was. Sometimes comments like this are the most meaningful and significant  
Again, our best,  
Bill Seiden##imported-begin##Bill and Barbara Seiden##imported-end##

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December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Marianne and John,  
On behalf of the O'Loughlin family, please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your mother, and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during his difficult time.  
Sincerely, Laurie Evans###imported-begin##Laurie O'Loughlin Evans###imported-end##

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December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi Meg and Kitky Joe  
I Remember meeting your mother many years ago on the Cape. I cant remember what was happening, but I remember both you and Kitty Joe were there, It was over some week end in the early 70's and I remember what a proud look on her face when she was talking about her famialy. I remember great smile and her eyes lit up. You don't see that very often, and it was something that has stuck with me over the years I just happen to read the Milford paper the other tonight and read the obits and it was something that just cought me by surprise. Meg and Kitty thank you for introducing me to your mother. I enjoyed it. Meg I always look forward to seeing you and your husband Peter when ever we cross paths in the Milford area

True and Cathy Davis Milford Ma###imported-begin##True T. Davis###imported-end##

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December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Jack,  
I was very sorry to read of the passing of your Mom.  
You & your family will be in Chip & my prayers.  
C.P. & C.P. Jr##imported-begin##Charles P. Kohn Sr.##imported-  
end##

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December 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Marianne, Jack, Meg, & Kitty-Jo: I am sorry to hear of Aunt  
Kaye's passing, she was lucky to have such wonderful kids. I have  
fond memories of visiting your home on Scarborough Street. Peace  
and Love, Lee##imported-begin##LeeAnn  
DesmondVanParys##imported-end##

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December 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Jack: My brother Vin just told me about your Mom's passing. My  
condolences. I only met your Mom a couple of times but I certainly  
remember her a fine lady. Hope you are otherwise well.  
Brien Roche##imported-begin##brien roche##imported-end##

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December 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM