



Margaurite "Cooch" Messenger

February 4, 2013

Margaurite "Cooch" (Gorry) Messenger, 77, beloved wife of Richard F. Messenger, of West Hartford, died Monday, February 4, 2013. Born in Hartford, the daughter of the late Edward and Margaret (Carroll) Gorry, she made her home in West Hartford for the past 48 years. She attended Bulkeley High School, Hartford College for Women and received her bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut. Margaurite was a Nuclear Engineering Aide for Combustion Engineering prior to starting her family. She was an avid reader, enjoyed gardening, and was a member of a dollhouse miniatures club for over 30 years. Besides her husband of 54 years, she is survived by her five children, Nancy Messenger of West Hartford, Peggy Simmons of West Hartford, Richard Messenger of Enfield, Carol Poehnert and her husband Jeffrey of West Hartford, Edward Messenger and his wife Caroline of Torrington; five grandchildren, Robert Simmons, Michael Simmons, Matthew Poehnert, Emma Messenger, and Jack Messenger. The funeral will be Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. from the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Calling hours are TODAY from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Donations in her memory may be made to the Kidney Foundation at www.kidney.org or the American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Service

FEB 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
872 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 233-8269

Tribute Wall

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“ Long ago I visited Mrs. Messenger's house almost daily as I was dating her daughter Nancy at the time (about 40 years ago). Mrs. M. was always warm and welcoming and treated me like a part of the family. Her kindness and generosity will be remembered. My deepest sympathy to the entire family, especially Nancy.

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Hank Elliott - February 05, 2013 at 08:48 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to the Messenger family. I didn't know "Cooch" but I know her son, Ed, and her grandchildren, Emma and Jack. (Her daughter-in-law, Caroline, is my niece.) She must have been an extraordinary person with a great sense of humor and much kindness judging by her son. I know she will be missed. My most sincere condolences to you all.

Patricia Gordon Michael

Patricia Gordon Michael - February 05, 2013 at 09:28 AM

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Our deepest sympathy to Nancy and the Messenger family. We never met Margaret, but based on her obituary and accounts of her life, Margaret distinguished herself in education, her career, and was cherished by her family and those who knew her.

Her daughter Nancy was a colleague and continues to be a friend. A professional with many accomplishments, Nancy was a devoted daughter. This is a difficult time and words do not diminish the loss. Please know that we are thinking of you and your family.

Ann Beaudin and Andrea Beaudin

Ann Beaudin - February 06, 2013 at 10:41 AM