



Marie Jane Frueh

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Marie Jane Frueh, 91 of Hartford, passed away on June 7, 2021. She was born in Trenton, NJ, to William and Betty (Young) Frueh. She described her childhood as a happy one, fishing in her back yard pond and spending the summers at the Jersey Shore. Following high school graduation she trained as a medical technician and worked briefly in that field. At the suggestion of a supervisor, she enrolled at Albertus Magnus College and earned a degree in biology. Following graduation she chose a career in education as an elementary school teacher in the Meriden, CT, school system. Many years later she retired as principal of Nathan Hale Elementary School in Meriden. Not one to stay idle in retirement, she joined the staff of Community Health Center of Hartford as a director. She stayed there until her second retirement ten years later. For many years she was an active member of Wesleyan Potters in Middletown, CT. She was a potter and served for two years as President of the cooperative. Marie loved to garden and became a Master Gardner to further her knowledge in this area. She also loved cooking, especially baking, and made untold loaves of English Muffin Bread for the holidays. She spent parts of over thirty summers at her condominium in Provincetown, MA, sitting on the beach at Herring Cove or just walking on Commercial Street to enjoy the ambiance. Other favorite activities included restaurant dining, golf, bird watching and trying her luck at the casinos. Marie is survived by Ann Billings, her partner of twenty years. She was considered a family member by Ann's children, Brian Billings and Lin Vela, and Lin's

children, Alex and Cameron, and husband, Steve. One of Marie's favorite phrases was "happy, joyous and free" and she shared her "joy of good living" with all her many friends, who will miss her greatly. Services will be private. The many dogs Marie had over the years were very dear to her heart; as such, memorial donations may be made to ASPCA or any organization benefiting animal welfare.