



Marnie Wagstaff Mueller

December 20, 2023

Marnie Wagstaff Mueller was born and raised in Abilene, Texas, and settled in Hartford, Ct where she spent over half a century raising her family, building a successful career and generously giving back to her community.

Marnie was born in Fort Worth, Tx in 1937 to Robert McAlpine and Texas Ormes Wagstaff. She attended Wellesley College (BA '59) and received her PhD in Economics from Yale University ('65).

As a professional, Marnie was truly a trailblazer for women. She began her career as an Economics professor first at Washington University followed by Wesleyan University. She then took her Economics acumen to business where she was one of the first women in Hartford to rise to the C-suite at Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance. Following this she was one of the few female Board members of Boston Mutual Life, Life of Boston in New York and the Cigna Mutual Fund Board. She also enjoyed serving her community on many non-profit Boards, such as the Bishop's Investment Fund, the Colt Foundation Trustee, the Kazangian Economics Foundation, and ConnectiKids. Marnie was selected to participate in the American Leadership Forum, where she was involved in developing a program to support single mothers. She was also a proud member of the Wellesley Business Leadership Council.

Marnie was blessed with 61 years of marriage to Robert 'Bob' Ernest Mueller, whom she adored. She was predeceased by Bob and her brother John Morris Wagstaff of Abilene, Tx. Marnie was very proud of her three children, Sarah Mueller Gieringer, Paul Wagstaff Mueller and Emily Mueller De Celis, and her 8 grandchildren, all of whom survive her.

Marnie was a voracious reader, dog lover, avid walker, gardener and traveler, especially to Jamaica, the family's special home away from home where she earned the moniker 'Snorkel Plenty'. Friends and family will recall her brilliant, analytical mind, her traces of a Texas drawl, her calm strength, and caring, generous nature.

Marnie and Bob were devoted Episcopalians. A memorial service will be held at St John's Episcopal Church, 679 Farmington Ave. in West Hartford for both Marnie and Bob on June 29th at 3pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to ConnectiKids, a youth development organization in the Hartford area.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **29**. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church
679 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall



“ *Molloy Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Marnie Wagstaff Mueller*



Molloy Funeral Home - June 28, 2024 at 10:38 AM

DD

“ *I'm so sorry Emily, Paul and Sarah. Your mom was the best, I'm at a loss for words. She was intelligent, kind and I always appreciated her humor and her air of calmness. I was 13 when I started babysitting for the family and Mrs. Mueller always spoke and treated me as an adult, often asking my opinion, chatting about our families, etc. As the years went by, and the kids were older, she gave me the wonderful gift of her confidence and trust, letting me take them horseback riding and on other outings. We later reconnected via Facebook and it was marvelous to be in touch again after all those years. I will miss her very much.*



Danielle Dunn - October 31, 2025 at 08:44 PM

AW

“ On behalf of ConnectiKids, Inc.'s children, board members, and staff, we express our deepest sympathies to everyone who knew and loved Marnie. Her commitment and passion for the community and our organization meant everything to those who were touched by her kindness and grace. We are grateful for the meaningful way our lives intersected. We are proud to carry on her philanthropic legacy and love for the community by supporting children and the community in education and personal growth. Thank you to everyone who supports her passion and our mission and goals. The ConnectiKids Team.

Andrea Williams - January 04, 2024 at 04:58 PM

KB

“ ConnectiKids is saddened to hear of Marnie's passing. Marnie volunteered as my board mentor when I joined the board of ConnectiKids 24 years ago. She was welcoming, kind, funny, insightful and just what I needed as a young professional. She encouraged me when I decided to transition from a board member to a ConnectiKids staff member, where I continue to work today. Throughout the years, Marnie remained an active ambassador for ConnectiKids and a champion for the children we serve. Even when Marnie was no longer on the board, she supported our mission and personally reached out to check in on us from time to time. I am so very thankful for the time she generously gave to me during my early career, and ConnectiKids will be forever grateful for Marnie's dedication to families and children in Hartford and beyond. She will be dearly missed. -Kaleitha Brown

Kaleitha Brown - January 04, 2024 at 02:58 PM

SL

“ Marnie took the time to mentor me and likely many others early in my career. She passed along some material about total quality management and continuous improvement that led me to a path of learning that benefited every professional role I held from then forward. She was a good person and I appreciate having had the opportunity to know her and learn from her example.

Scott Lewis - January 02, 2024 at 01:13 PM

SL

Judith and I send our sympathy to Marie's family. We're sorry for your loss.

Scott Lewis - January 02, 2024 at 01:17 PM

AT

Marnie was my oldest, dearest friend. My heart goes out to her wonderful children as I know how much they will miss her.

We kept up with each other for over 60 years; our families have been friends for 5 generations. I will dearly miss my friend.
Ann Trammell, Houston

Ann Trammell - January 03, 2024 at 03:09 PM



“ On behalf of the Hartford Wellesley Club, please accept our deepest sympathies on Marnie's passing. She was a valued member of her local club, and exemplified Wellesley's spirit in her outreach efforts throughout our local community and beyond. She will be missed.
Sincerely,
Beth Ann Loveland Sennett, President
Hartford Wellesley Club

Beth Ann - January 01, 2024 at 01:05 PM

RK

“ Sarah, Paul, Emily : I hope Marne's passing was peaceful and you were able to be with her What an impressive person, and informative obituary,
Thank you for having a memorial service in late June as that will help me with my own issues of closure.
Practical issues: there may be times some if not all of you need to come to Hartford. Please contact me if need anything from a car, food,bed, etc,
Sarah and my email rfknauft@comcast.net, my mobile 860-463-9835, landline 860-523-0894
After reading obit today,drove by the house after an errand and noted it appeared well cared for , remembered you in your youth
Thinking of you
Fondly, Rick knauft

rick knauft - December 31, 2023 at 04:06 PM

JK

“ Marnie's passing has left a huge hole in my heart, soul, and the many routines we adopted over our 40+ years of reveling in our friendship. Our regularly scheduled and rarely missed walks, our dedication to movies, frequent trips to New York for plays and museum exhibits, and one blowout tour of Eastern Europe that focused on our faith and religious curiosity. We shared a love of art, movies and later Netflix, history and gardening to name just a few. We thought alike about most things and simply learned to ignore those few where we diverged. Most of all, she was a truly fun time, always up for a new adventure. I will remember, treasure -- and miss -- her amazing intellect, invaluable counsel, insight, and guidance all of which consistently enriched my life. Rest in peace my dear friend. I will miss you and love you always.
Janet

janet kean - December 30, 2023 at 03:56 PM

EJ

“ I am so sad that Marnie has passed away. She was a friend, mentor, and, without a doubt, the wisest person I knew. She was not only brilliant, but also straightforward, caring, compassionate, with a great sense of humor. She stuck with you through thick and thin. She was a wonderful mother, wife, and friend. I will miss her dearly.

Ellen Janpol - December 30, 2023 at 11:26 AM

ER

“ Ann said it all, we and I particularly will miss the wisest person I've ever known. Marnie showed me what a true leader and a caring person could be with humor, intelligence and many, many stories. She was my boss, my friend, my basketball buddy and my guide. I will miss her.
Love, Ellen

Ellen Rinaldi - December 27, 2023 at 05:27 PM

PM

Marnie both changed and saved my life with her penetrating question, "Now that you have your degree, what are you going to do with your life?"

And, she taught me the important lesson that people who hold different political or economic views than you are not evil

Pamela J Meyer - December 28, 2023 at 09:14 AM

AD

“*I am so sad to know Marnie is no longer here. I will always remember what a good friend she was. She was a terrific mentor during my CML days, always willing to share her knowledge and advice. More recently I remember our annual trips to Uconn women's basketball games with our CML group - Marnie, Ellen, Ruth and me. We traveled many places to see the games including Florida, Tennessee, Louisiana, Texas and of course Hartford. A few of my favorite pics of Marnie from those trips are attached. Rest in peace my friend. You will be dearly missed. Love Ann.*



Ann Dehner - December 27, 2023 at 04:32 PM

RS

I was saddened to learn of Marnie's passing. During both of our careers at Connecticut Mutual Life, Marnie was a constant mentor to me. She blazed the trail for the women at CML and always had our back. She will be missed. Becky Scalia

Rebeka Scalia - January 03, 2024 at 04:16 PM