



Mary Elizabeth Bryan

December 12, 1909 - October 26, 2009

Mary Elizabeth Moran Bryan, whose long life was divided between West Hartford, CT and metropolitan Boston, died in Concord, MA on October 26, 2009, less than two months from her one hundredth birthday. She had been in decline since the death of her beloved husband in October 2005, and she left to join him four years later in the same season. Born in Boston MA December 12, 1909, she was the daughter of immigrants James Moran of County Mayo, Ireland, and Anne E. Liddell Moran, of Hexham on Tyne, England. Mary was raised on Silver Street in South Boston, with two sisters and a brother who have predeceased her. She survived the Depression working as a bookkeeper, then met her husband Dr. Joseph Bryan of Melrose, MA during the Second World War, while she attended classes at Boston College with his sister Gertrude. Married in the spring of 1944, she bore four children over the next ten years, moving with her family to Connecticut in 1957, and ultimately becoming a resident of West Hartford in 1960. As her husband worked and taught, Mary raised the family and imparted to them her love of music, history, and literature. The couple were communicants of the local churches of St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Peter Claver, and were active together in a variety of church functions throughout their sixty-one years of marriage. Mary leaves her children - Mary Ann of Arizona, Bernadette of Connecticut, Regina of Colorado, and Joseph of Massachusetts along with five grandchildren. Funeral services will be 10 AM Thursday October 29th at St. Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant Street in West Hartford, burial will follow in Fairview

Cemetery, West Hartford. A memorial service will be at 7 PM Wednesday October 28th at Holy Family Parish, 55 Church Street in West Concord, MA. The family suggests in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the South Boston Neighborhood House, which has been serving its community since 1901, www.sbnh.org. Requiem in pace. Molloy Funeral Home, West Hartford has care of arrangements.