



Molly Zirin Stamm

July 15, 1913 - July 4, 2011

Molly Zirin Stamm died on July 4, 2011, at the age of 97. She was a long-time resident of West Hartford.

Ms. Stamm, daughter of Max and Sarah Bitensky Zirin, was born in Molszad, Poland, on July 15, 1913, and immigrated to the United States in 1920. She was a graduate of Hartford High School and in her early career worked at the State Welfare Department. Her interests were vast and she read widely. She was highly self-educated and was knowledgeable about many subjects, including literature, history, the arts, science, and politics. Her favorite hobbies were sewing, drawing, and painting, and she was accomplished at all of them. She worked in the Hartford Welfare Department from 1935 until she enlisted in the army. She served in the Women's Army Corps during World War II. During leave from her post in Virginia, she attended the July 6, 1944, Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Hartford with a brother, nephew, and friends, during which fire broke out. She vividly remembered the flames peeling up the paraffin-coated tent as people fled for their lives. She later worked for the Department of Labor. She had strong opinions about everything, all informed by her innate and strong sense of social justice. Ms. Stamm leaves two daughters, Carole Stamm of Saugus, MA, and Diane Stamm of Washington, DC, and three grandchildren, a sister, Ida Strouch of West Hartford, and two brothers, Louis Zirin of Boston, MA, and Joseph Zirin of Philadelphia, PA. Her son, Stephen, died in 2001. The funeral will be

private.

Anyone wishing to pay respects to Molly's family will be welcome on Friday, July 22, from 2 ? 3 pm at Hebrew Health Care, One Abrahms Blvd, West Hartford, Ct 06117, in the 3N dining room.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hebrew Health Care at above address.