



Rita Schmidt

August 24, 1922 - May 13, 2006

Rita "Gunky" Schmidt, 83, passed away peacefully on May 13, 2006 at Hartford Hospital. She was the loving and generous wife of Robert Schmidt of West Hartford for 56 years. Rita was the mother of 4 daughters, Carole Dorman of Plainville; Nancy Schmidt of Guelph, Ontario Canada; Shirley Levine Pastore of West Hartford; and Robin Schmidt of Madison, Wisconsin. She also leaves behind 6 grandchildren, John Irwin of Waterbury; Ben and Sam Chapman-Schmidt of Guelph; Allison Levine of West Hartford; Keegan and Morgan Bohn of Madison, Wisconsin; and one great grandson, Ryan Irwin. She was born in Tigerton Wisconsin, and lived briefly in New Jersey prior to moving to West Hartford in 1955. Some of her life experiences included volunteering as a librarian at St. Thomas the Apostle School, managing a tennis club, working at the American Red Cross and for the American School for the Deaf. Rita was an accomplished artist and enjoyed traveling to Europe and California. She was an avid outdoors person, especially enjoying hunting and fishing in northern Wisconsin, where she frustrated her family by out-fishing them all. Her humor, generosity and devotion to her family will be missed. A private family gathering was held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Parkinson's Foundation, 1501 N.W. 9th Ave., Miami, FL, 33136 or Alzheimer's Association, 919 N. Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60611.