



Ruth E. (Wood) Bates

November 2, 2024

Ruth E. (Wood) Bates, 94, of West Hartford, CT passed away Saturday November 2, 2024 at her home.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, John Edward Bates, known as Jack, in 2021.

Ruth and Jack met as teenagers at church and enjoyed a seventy year marriage.

She is survived by her daughter Lynne Ellen. Bates, with whom she lived. She is also survived by daughter Leslie Elaine Bates of West Hartford, granddaughter Brodie Bates Swinton and husband Connor Johnson of Deep River, CT, granddaughter Piper Bates Madore and husband Brett Madore and great grandson Levi Madore of Bristol, CT.

Ruth was born in Brockton, MA where she resided most of her life. She was raised in West Bridgewater, MA and attended Bridgewater State College and Williams Business School.

Ruth worked for the Foxboro Company for a number of years and became the first Western Union Telegrapher in a private company.

She was an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, running church fairs and serving on the Altar Guild. Civically minded, her interests included serving as a leader in the Girl Scouts and The Goddard Hospital Auxiliary as

Special Projects Treasurer. As a long time member of the Brockton Historical Society, she served as Corresponding Secretary and Publicity Chairman and was active in the D.W. Field Park Association. Ruth was a member of both the Bridgewater and Brockton Garden Clubs where she held the post of Civic Beautification Chairman. Her love of gardening led her to caring for plants in a variety of Brockton businesses.

The greatest joys of Ruth's life were family, traveling all over the world with her husband Jack, serving her community and expressing her individuality through her paintings.

A private gathering will be held for the family. As an expression of sympathy, and in lieu of flowers, Memorial donations may be made to a food pantry of one's choice.

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“ So Sorry to, hear of Ruth's passing. Prayers to you Lynne, Love
Sandy & Harold Bates

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