



Ruth M. Helsher

July 10, 2009

Ruth MacKenzie Helsher, 93, of West Hartford and formerly South Glastonbury, wife of the late Arthur R. Helsher, died Friday, July 10, 2009. Born in Bridgeport, the daughter of the late William and Marion Hopkins MacKenzie, she was raised in Fairfield and made her home in South Glastonbury for 53 years and was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. She graduated from Bates College in Maine. She loved horseback riding and competed in many hunting and jumping events. After college Mrs. Helsher learned Braille, and was a volunteer for the Hartford Hospital auxiliary and especially enjoyed the book cart. She is survived by her two children, Judith Schaffer of West Hartford with whom she made her home for the past six years, Richard M. Helsher and his wife Judy of Delray Beach, FL; four grandchildren, Kristin Ercoliani and her husband Peter, Karen Helsher, Erik Helsher, Benjamin Schaffer and his wife Sarah; and four great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her sister Eleanor Healy. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2009 at 3:00 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, 679 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers donations in her memory may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church, 679 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, CT 06119. Molloy Funeral Home has care of arrangements.