



Ruth M. Lewis

October 25, 1920 - December 10, 2011

Ruth Connolly Lewis, 91, beloved wife of the late William B. Lewis, of West Hartford, died Saturday, December 10, 2011 at St. Mary Home. Born in New York City, the daughter of the late Lawrence and Margareth Keinz Connolly, she made her home in West Hartford for more than 60 years. Ruth graduated from The Scudder School for Girls in 1939 and began her career at Met Life. In 1943 Ruth joined the US Marine Corps and proudly served during WW II. Ruth's life centered around volunteering and helping others. She was the founding organizer and tireless worker for the Hartford Handicap Helpers, Inc. which ran a swim program for physically handicapped people in the greater Hartford area. She was an active volunteer for the Sisters of Mercy serving as their front desk receptionist on Mondays for more than 40 years. Ruth became one of the first Associates for the Sisters of Mercy and expanded her ministries offering help to such organizations as St. Elizabeth House and My Sisters' Place. In addition Ruth was a longtime volunteer of the Elmwood Senior Center. In 1984 Ruth was recognized by The Hartford Courant as one of the Volunteers of the Year award for her work in human services. Besides her volunteer work, she was an avid swimmer, knitter and very talented at needlepoint. She was a member of St. Peter Claver Church. Funeral services will be Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Mary Home, 2021 Albany Ave, West Hartford. She will be buried with military honors on Friday at 9:00 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Donations in her memory may be made to Sisters of Mercy Retirement Fund, 55 East Cedar St, Newington, CT

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Tribute Wall



“ *The world has lost a truly wonderful lady! I will miss you very much!*”
Robin Neary

December 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ruth, my dearest friend, I will miss you so much. You were the very best, and always gave. Your kindness, caring, and wisdom will be missed by me and everyone who knew you. With love,*”
Lynn Payette

December 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I have the memories of our friendship. Rest in Peace*”
Norma Giuffre Grape

December 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM