



Ruth (Grady) Wilbur

March 2, 2015

Ruth Elizabeth (Grady) Wilbur, 86, wife of Bernard F. Wilbur, Jr. of West Hartford, died Monday, March 2, 2015. She was born June 6, 1928, the daughter of the late Neil and Elizabeth (Pendergast) Grady. She is survived and sorely missed by her son, Ben, daughter-in-law Donna and granddaughter Kelley. She is remembered by several good friends and close family, and felt especially close to her cousins Jere Grady and Joan Piltz and niece Nancy Levy. Regardless of actual relation, or any relation at all, she was “Aunt Ruth” to all the younger generations, and always ready with a story and usually a piece of chocolate. She attended and graduated from Mount St. Joseph Academy in West Hartford, where she made several lifelong friends. Upon graduation she worked at the South End Library in Barry Square. She married Bernard F. Wilbur, Jr. On December 27, 1952 and in 1959 they moved to West Hartford. She was a very active community volunteer, driving cancer patients for the American Cancer Association, delivering Meals-On-Wheels to the homebound, a Cheer Cupboard wagon volunteer for St. Francis Hospital, volunteer in the St. Thomas the Apostle School library, Eucharistic Minister for the Roman Catholic Church and Cub Scout Den Mother. She was a member of the Hartford Golf Club, The St. Francis Hospital Auxiliary, Millstone Point Association and Hammock Dunes Club in Florida. Ruth always had a project at hand, from a wall size macramé for her cottage to the needlepoint seat covers for the dining room chairs. She also enjoyed knitting, making several treasures for her granddaughter, all with a tag saying “Made with love by

Nana". She was avid reader, loved sailing small craft in Long Island Sound, and traveled throughout the world. The family is indebted to the entire staff at Hughes Health and Rehab for their compassion and care. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, (March 7) at 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant St, West Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Calling hours are Friday (March 6) from 5-7 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. In lieu of flowers please consider donating an hour of your time to a worthy cause. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Claver Church
47 Pleasant St
West Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

TT

“ Dear Wilbur family,
I am here with my dad (Bill) and just read aloud the beautiful obituary of our dear friend and neighbor, Ruth Wilbur. We are so sorry she is gone and send you all a big hug. The Wilburs have been wonderful friends throughout the years and we are blessed to have so many beautiful memories of time together. I remember spending many holidays at Brookside Drive and of course the delicious array of Christmas cookies that Ruth used to make and distribute lovingly! Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Lots of Love, Tally, Rich and Bill Tripp

Tally Tripp - March 13, 2015 at 08:31 AM

JW

“ Dear Bern, I am so sorry to hear Ruth has died. I'll always remember every year we were going to meet in New York for a day . She was a beautiful person and so much fun to be with , I will always remember the fun in Florida and her gracious hospitality. My sincere sympathy and prayers to you and your family at this sad time. Joan Prendergast Whitney

Joan Whitney - March 08, 2015 at 08:29 AM

DC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family at this sad and difficult time. We hope that in the weeks and months ahead, beautiful memories of times lovingly shared will overshadow the sadness that you feel today. May you be comforted in knowing that "Made with love by Nana" was more than a tag for Ruth's knitted treasures, but also a symbol of her love of life, family, and dear friends. May she rest in peace, and may God ease the burden of her passing on all who loved her.
In deepest sympathy,
Diane and Jim Cullen

Diane Cullen - March 06, 2015 at 09:12 AM

SS

“ We remember Aunt Ruth always being so kind and gracious, welcoming the family to Thanksgiving dinner, as well as wonderful conversation at Christmas over her amazing array of homemade cookies. Her cheerfulness lifted the spirits of everyone around her.
Susan and Jack Silverio

Susan and Jack Silverio - March 05, 2015 at 07:14 PM

GK

“ I have so many great memories of Aunt Ruth at the house in Waterford. She taught me so much and was such a wonderful person. I was truly blessed to be her godson as she was the best godmother ever. My deepest sympathies along with thoughts and prayers are with you - George Kinsella (aka Godson as she always called me).

George Kinsella - March 05, 2015 at 12:21 PM

PL

“ *Many fond memories of my youth were born in the backyard of the house on Cliffmore Road. The Wilburs were great neighbors and good friends to our family in those years. My deepest sympathies to you, Ben, as well as to your Dad and extended family. - Paul Luby*

Paul Luby - March 04, 2015 at 09:55 AM

MD

“ *Bernie, our sincerest condolences in your loss. Prayers to all of you. Dennis and Marilyn Drzwecki*

Marilyn Drzwecki - March 04, 2015 at 07:19 AM

JD

“ *I will forever treasure the times of my childhood spent with Aunt Ruth as well as the memories of more recent years at the beach house. I witnessed true friendship at its very best through mom (Joan Pilz) and Aunt Ruth. I am so sorry for your loss, and I pray for your peace.*

Jodi Pilz Day - March 04, 2015 at 04:38 AM