



## Sarah "Sally" A. McMahon

March 10, 2014

Sarah Adelaide Shute McMahon, 98, of West Hartford, Connecticut passed away peacefully March 10, 2014 after a brief illness. Born in Newport, Rhode Island, Sally grew up in Philadelphia where she attended the Philadelphia High School for Girls and received the Senior Math Award. Sally always had an independent and strong personality. At sixteen she entered Cornell University, graduating Phi Beta Kappa with a BFA from the College of Architecture with an emphasis on oil painting. She created works that have stood the test of time with their beauty and artistry. There, she met Tom McMahon. They were married in 1937 and shared many happy years together. Sally supported Tom in his career with Combustion Engineering. They shared many hobbies including golf, bridge and chess. Sally enjoyed going to auctions. She liked entertaining and always presented her home meticulously. An avid follower of current events, Sally's mind remained sharp for her entire life. Sally was predeceased by her husband of 51 years Thomas E. McMahon, additionally by her parents Isaac Clark Shute and Sarah Spicer Shute, and her brothers Corbin and Roger. Sally is survived by her children S. Patricia Benson of Alfred, ME, Thomas McMahon and his wife Chung Ja of Coral Gables, FL and Donald McMahon and his wife Rebecca of Okemos, MI. She is also survived by her grandchildren and their families: Sarah Waters, her husband Ethan and children Jackson, Evan and Ryen of Rowayton, CT; Brian McMahon, his wife Jennifer and children Kaitlyn and Kara of Sekonk, MA; Stephen McMahon, his wife Marisa and children Elayna and Caden of

Pelham, NY; and Erin Yarema, her husband David and son Nicholas of Portland, ME. Funeral services will be Friday, beginning with a visitation at 12 noon, at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford. A service of remembrance will follow at 1:00 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

## Mem'l Celebration

MAR 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SM

“ I have great memories of visiting at the McMahon's as a teenager and then later on as a young adult. Everyone was always welcome there. The famous hot shrimp dip that we all served was Sally's recipe. Now my children and grand children make it. May your wonderful memories of her provide you with peace and comfort at this most difficult time.

*Shelly Millane*

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**Shelly Millane** - March 15, 2014 at 05:05 PM

SD

“ My deepest condolences to all Sally's family. She was the very best, and it was always wonderful to be in her company, how charming and smart a woman she was. I will miss her, and remember the many topics we discussed, and me always learning something from this wise woman. She was a super teacher. Peace and love to all of you. Sally Dengenis

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**Sally Dengenis** - March 12, 2014 at 04:48 PM

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“ Badminton out of a chair at Patty's 70! dede

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**dede** - March 12, 2014 at 04:43 PM

CM

“ *This picture was taken in Maine at her daughter's birthday party. What a wonderful experience for me to have known her and to have shared a wonderful weekend with her and the family in celebration of Patti's birthday!*

*Love and sympathy to the whole family!*  
*Juanita Cooke*



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**Chris Molloy** - March 12, 2014 at 02:22 PM

LS

“ *I had the good fortune to know Sally because she was a treasured customer, visiting with us at our gallery while using her keen eye and good taste to 'find a find', she always had a smile. She will be missed. Linda Stamm*

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**Linda Stamm** - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 PM