



Sylvia Edna Corvo

April 29, 1909 - October 14, 2009

Sylvia Edna Corvo, 100, of West Hartford, died Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at Avery Heights in Hartford. Born in Hartford April 29, 1909, she attended Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School and started work at The Travelers Insurance Company in July of 1929. There were only about 700 Travelers employees at that time and she recalls that everyone knew one another by name. During WWII she was a volunteer at both Hartford and St. Francis Hospitals. In addition she served in the Civil Air Raid Warning Program and the Red Cross War Fund. In later years she served as a volunteer in the United States Special Olympics. Sylvia retired from The Travelers after 41 years of service and traveled extensively all over the United States and Europe for the next seven years. In 1981, at age 72, she was asked by The Travelers to co-manage the Retiree Job Bank, a highly-publicized program that involved over 200 Travelers retirees on a part-time basis. In this capacity, she appeared in articles about the program, twice in the New York Times and once in the Wall Street Journal. She also testified before Congress, specifically The Presidents Council on Aging, and, in September of 1989 she received an Award from President Reagan. Sylvia retired for the final time in 1989. She continued a lifetime of fitness in her 80's going to the gym 5 days a week. She also continued her volunteer work at St. Francis Hospital into her 90's often walking home following her service. Sylvia has always been a very gregarious, positive person who enjoyed the company of young people and loved to dance. Strike up the band! She is survived by her beloved nieces,

nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews Harriet and Howard Hudson, Elizabeth Lydecker and Amy Strife, John and Rosa Corvo, Cristina and Nicholas Corvo, Jack Bradin, Hendee Bradin, and Jesse Bradin. Funeral services will be Friday with the celebration of her Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 am in St. Peter Claver Church 47 Pleasant St. West Hartford. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery Hartford. Friends may call from 9:00 ? 9:30 am Friday at the Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford.