



## Dorothy Collins

June 22, 1915 - May 10, 2013

Dorothy Margaret Collins died in New Haven on May 10, 2013; she would have been 98 next month. She was born in West Haven in 1915 and except for a brief period in Poughkeepsie lived in New Haven for her long and fulfilling life. Dorothy was the daughter of Hobart J. and Martha Gerken Sackett, the sister of the late Shirley English and the widow of William H. Collins. She is survived by her children: Patricia of New York City and Hobart and Mary of Louisville, Kentucky. Dorothy was a graduate of the Gateway School and worked for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad during the Second World War. The following years were devoted to motherhood, Cub Scouts, Brownies and her family's home life. After the nest became empty, Dorothy tended her gardens, refinished furniture and pursued an endless variety of projects. Dorothy had an indomitable spirit and was a very active member of several New Haven women's groups including: the West End Club, Westville Garden Club, St. Raphael's Women's Auxiliary and New Haven Women's Club. She especially loved gardening with gorgeous roses and perennials her trademark. Burning bright in her heart for 85 years was a profound love for Long Island Sound and Indian Neck, Branford. She had a wide circle of friends and always enjoyed life to the fullest; everybody loves a woman of such spirit. In her last year of life, Dorothy had a large and loving support team, including Abigail Nketiah, Rose Osel, Roberta Litvinoff, Susan Nobleman and Laura Kaplan. Ron Bowen and the staff of Atria at Larson Place in Hamden provided her with a warm and welcoming community

experience and wonderful care. In her last days, Dr. Cooney and the entire staff at Yale New Haven Hospital were nonpareil. Funeral Services are private. A celebration of Dorothy's life will be held this summer. Sisk Brothers 3105 Whitney Ave Hamden, Ct. in care of arrangements.[www.siskbros.com](http://www.siskbros.com)

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“ *A Note to Patricia Collins written May 14, 2013 Dear Patty, So sorry for your loss of your dear Mother. Although I have not seen any of the Collins Family in a zillion years; I do remember how lovely your Mother was. She passed on her intelligence to her children and was always just a pure 'lady'; the 'Smithsonian kind'... You were blessed to have her live almost to 98. Stay close with your brother to remember the good old days in Westville. Those memories will fill your hearts. May your Mother's wisdom and logic guide you going forward. With sympathy, Sherry and Harry Sessa (formerly Sheryl Alpert from 40 Marvel Road [Edgewood School]) 1 888 678 2002 hm sherrysessa@comcast.net*

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**Sheryl Sessa** - May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hoby and Mary We just want you to know that you are in our thoughts at this time. With our sincere condolences-Nita and George Romer*

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