



Freda Galligan

May 19, 1915 - July 12, 2010

Freda Galligan, a long time resident of Cheshire, CT died on July 12, 2010. She was 95. The daughter of Joseph and Johanna Meder, immigrants from Germany and Croatia respectively, Freda was born in New Haven on May 19, 1915. The first of five children, she attended grammar schools in Madison and Hamden, as well as Hillhouse High School and Stone Business School in New Haven. She worked as a secretary during the 1940s for Safety Car Heating and Lighting Co. in Hamden, where she met and married William Galligan in 1947. They moved to Cheshire in 1950, and she continued to live there until her death. They also owned a cottage at Leetes Island in Guilford and spent entire summers there for 30 years. Mr. Galligan died in 1975. Freda was the mother of two children: Richard, now Vanessa, of New Haven, and William, Jr. of Kansas City. She is also survived by a brother, George and a sister, Irma, and by daughter in law Mary Alice, and two grandchildren, Julia and Patrick. She was predeceased by two other brothers, Joseph and Frederick. Loved and admired for her generosity, good humor and strength of will and independent spirit, Freda was an outstanding homemaker, who combined great talents for cooking, baking and gardening. She lived at home alone for 35 years after her husband's death. She was an avid reader, who borrowed many books from the Cheshire Library, and enjoyed working around the house in her garden. She was also a member of St. Thomas Beckett Catholic Church in Cheshire. Services in Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden, Friday morning at 10:00. Friends may call Thursday from 5 to

8 pm. Burial in St Mary's Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Freda made the best pancakes and cookies. I loved going to the "Island" when I was little. She was a classy lady!

Gina - July 15, 2010 at 01:58 PM

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“ Dear Vanessa,
I also wanted to express my condolences to the rest of your family.

Robert Musco - July 14, 2010 at 12:15 PM