



Joan S. Crowley

February 22, 1930 - July 4, 2022

Joan Sullivan Crowley, 92, a resident of Ashlar Village in Wallingford, wife of the late Professor James B. Crowley, passed away peacefully on July 4, 2022 at her home. She is survived by her loving children, Barbara Crowley of Hamden, Jonathan (Gretchen) Crowley of Norwalk, and Sheila (Kevin Donovan) Crowley of Hamden, also seven cherished grandchildren - Paige and Matt Crowley, Christopher Calamita, and Karlyn, Rebecca, Kelly and Kevin Donovan. She was predeceased by two sisters, Lorraine and Barbara. Joan was born Feb. 22, 1930 in Wethersfield, CT, the daughter of the late Lawrence and Leola Broderick Sullivan, but raised in Hartford, where she met her future husband when they were both in high school. She and her husband were part of a solid, enduring friendship group from Hartford that met regularly and has lasted over 70 years. Joan was able to meet with her special surviving friends from this group in just April of this year - an event which meant a great deal to all involved.

As a result of her experiences living abroad in Japan in the late 1950s and again in the mid-1960s (during her husband's sabbaticals) Joan became very involved in helping foreign students and visiting faculty adjust to living in a different country and culture. For decades, she was the Co-Chairman of the Round the World Women's organization at Yale, and also served on the Board of the Yale International Student Center. In 1987, as a result of her dedicated efforts, she was invited to Japan, for the Women's International Exchange Symposium, where she served as a Speaker and Discussion Panelist.

Joan was also an active member of the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O. Sisterhood,) advocating for scholarships for women, and a longtime member and former officer of the Spring Glen Garden Club. For years, she used her floral arranging skills to turn donated floral arrangements into individual spots of beauty for Hospice patients in the Branford facility. Joan was always the heart of her family, and her greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren (and granddogs).

Cemetery Details

Centerville Cemetery

Washington Ave.
Hamden, CT

Events

Details are pending.