



Margaret M. Burke

February 25, 1915 - August 2, 2013

Margaret McNamara Burke, 98, died in Hamden August 3rd 2013 after a long illness. He was born in New Haven on January 25th 1915 daughter of John McNamara and Catherine Heaney MacNamara. She attended St Rose's School and Hillhouse Highschool and had a varied and rewarding work life; starting at Southern New England Telephone Co. as a swtichboard operator and retiring from Tilcon Tomasso. She had a passion for learning and earned two degrees from Southern CT State University in her retirement years. Always proud of her Irish heritage her graduate thesis focused on the experience of the Irish immigrant in New Haven. She cared for her husband in the home they shared for the final years of a 70 year marriage. She is predeceased by her spouse Vincent W. Burke of Naugatuck their daughter, Margaret Burke Scarpa of Hamden her sister Mary Burke and her son in law Ralph Gabrielle. Daughters, Ellen Gabrielle of New Haven, Jude Burke of Guilford and Mary E. Burke of Boston cared for their mother at home and more recently, at Arden House in Hamden. Her grandchildren are Bernard (Freda) Scarpa of Vermont, Jason (Gisset) Scarpa of Arizona, Thomas (Makiko) Scarpa of New Haven and James Scarpa of Hamden. Her seven great grandchildren are Connor, Nathan, Maggie, Cassie, Alison, Vanessa and Maddox. A woman of deep religious faith, her love and integrity of spirt touched all who knew her.

Special thanks to all the wonderful caregivers who entered her life. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Church

5 Hillhouse Ave. New Haven. Visitation at the church from 9 a.m. until time of Mass. Burial in the family plot at St. Mary's Cemetery will be for family only. Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden in care of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to New Haven Animal Shelter 81 Fournier St., New Haven, CT 06511. www.siskbrothers.com

Previous Events

Calling hours

AUG 7. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Church
5 Hillhouse Ave.
New Haven, CT

Funeral service

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