



Margaret M. Higgins

July 8, 1913 - September 19, 2017

Margaret (Peggy) Realff Higgins passed away peacefully at Branford Hills Health Care Center on September 19, 2017 at the age of 104. Margaret was born July 8, 1913, a daughter of Anna Dean Realff and Charles W. Realff. She was raised in New Haven and lived in Hamden and Orange, CT and Westfield, NJ. She was predeceased by her husband John W. Higgins in 2002, after 62 years of marriage. She is survived by a daughter Kathleen Higgins (Peter Hugret), granddaughter Carole Learned-Miller (Erik Learned-Miller), great grandchildren Sierra, Emma Kathleen, Silas John Learned-Miller of Amherst, MA and a nephew, William Banahan (Candance) of Rhode Island. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Ruth Realff Banahan. She graduated Hillhouse High School in 1931 and received a Teaching Certificate from New Haven Normal School in 1934 (now Southern CT State University). In 1935 she was awarded a Bachelor's Degree in Education from New Britain State Teachers College and became an elementary school teacher in Windsor, CT. Later she worked at Saint Michael and Saint Mary School in Derby and also at Hamden Hall Country Day School. She proudly served on many reunion committees for her class at SCSU and was a former member of the New Haven Country Club. She was spunky and independent. Peggy was a staunch advocate for the power of education and inspired everyone she met to always continue their education. There are no calling hours and services will be private. At the convenience of the family a Mass will be said at a later date. With deep gratitude for the compassion and professionalism of the staff

at Branford Hills Ledgewood 2, memorial donations in her name may be made to Branford Hills Health Care Memorial Trust Fund, 189 Alps Road, Branford, CT 06405 Arrangements are with Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden. www.siskbrothers.com