



Gladys B. Dunn

November 5, 2018

Gladys Bovino Dunn, 89, of West Hartford, Connecticut, passed away peacefully at home on November 5, 2018, from pancreatic cancer. She was the widow of Dr. Robert E. Dunn, who passed away in July 2017. They were married for 59 years. Despite her diagnosis in October 2016, Gladys continued to live a full life for over two years, characterized by her positive spirit, determination and dignity. Gladys was born in Westfield, New Jersey, the daughter of Hannah Brandt Bovino and Peter J. Bovino. A graduate of Westfield, N. J. High School, she continued her education at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine where she earned a B.A. in Sociology. She was on the staff of the Westfield, N.J. YWCA as a teenage program director for three years and then spent two years at the New Haven, Connecticut YWCA in a similar position. In 1956, she began her career in education as an elementary teacher in West Hartford at Sedgwick, Braeburn, Aiken and Charter Oak Schools. In 1960, she received an M.A. in Education from the University of Hartford and in 1969, a Sixth Year in Guidance from the University of Hartford. Upon receiving this degree, Gladys became a guidance counselor at King Philip Junior High School and Middle School until her retirement in 1990. After their retirement from West Hartford schools, she and Bob spent five years in Seoul, South Korea where Gladys was director of admissions, testing and advanced placement, and Bob was deputy headmaster, at the Seoul International School. In 1995, they returned to West Hartford to enjoy their second retirement. Gladys and Bob were avid world travelers, immersing themselves into other cultures and learning about foreign education systems. They enjoyed thirteen years of winter retreats in Waikiki, Hawaii. Gladys was active in many professional, church and community organizations and maintained a strong lifelong relationship with Bates College. Gladys leaves behind to mourn her a very wide circle of lifelong friends. Contributions in Gladys Dunn's memory may be directed to the Gladys B. and Robert E. Dunn Fund for Youth Leadership at The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, 10 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06106. Per Gladys' wishes, there will be no services. Burial will be private. Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, West Hartford has care of arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.taylorandmodeen.com

Comments



“ How fortunate we were to know and work with Gladys Dunn throughout her stellar service to children and young people in West Hartford and around the world. Gladys was one of the most gracious, humble and caring teachers and guidance counselors one could know. She lead her life with class and served as an incredible role model to all with whom she worked and interacted. The world is a better place because of the work and presence of Gladys Dunn.

Suzi and Frank D'Annolfo

Suzi D'Annolfo - November 13, 2018 at 07:46 AM



“ Mrs. Dunn was a charming, gracious lady. Her kindness and incredible generosity will be remembered by countless people. My daughter, Jacqueline, was a recipient of that generosity in the form of a Rotary International Scholarship. It was an amazing and life changing experience for which we will always be grateful. During the last two years, even though very ill, Mrs. Dunn somehow managed to remain cheerful and upbeat, always interested in how other people were doing and not concerned about herself. She was a fine woman and will missed by many. May she rest in peace.

Peggy Britz Baker

Peggy Baker - November 11, 2018 at 09:58 PM



“ The Rotary Club of West Hartford extends our condolences to the family of Gladys Bovino Dunn. We are all appreciative of the support she and her late husband have extended to our club over many years. She will be remembered in our thoughts and prayers. May she rest in peace.

The Rotary Club of West Hartford
Oscar M. Santo Domingo, President 2018-2019

Oscar Santo Domingo - November 11, 2018 at 02:53 PM



“ Mrs. Dunn was my Guidance Counselor at King Philip Jr. High. I always remember her smile and pleasant, welcoming manner. When my father passed away when I was in 7th grade, she made time to visit our house and give her condolences. Her memory serves as a blessing for me, and for the countless lives she had touched.

Al Fichman - November 11, 2018 at 11:51 AM



“ Gladys was my best friend for 72 years. She was loyal, caring and generous to so many and she made a positive difference in so many lives. It was my privilege to know Gladys and to be a part of her life as she was in mine. She will me missed!
Grace Harris
Roommate

Grace HARRIS - November 11, 2018 at 09:55 AM