



Josephine E. Rovaldi

July 8, 2019

Josephine E. Rovaldi, our dear mother, grandmother, Gigi and beloved wife of the late Jack C. Rovaldi died peacefully on Monday, July 8, 2019. The daughter of Guiseppe (Joseph) and Marietta (Maria) Edilberti, she celebrated her 101st birthday last October. Josephine was orphaned at age 6 and lived with maternal aunts in West Boylston MA, Cohoes NY and New Haven CT.

Always a lover of words and books, Jo was valedictorian of her class at New Haven's Commercial High School. From there, her life was filled with books -- from jobs to piles of them at home. Josephine's first job after high school was at the Yale University Press and later on the staff of the West Hartford Public Library where she worked for 30 years. After high school, she also joined the Marchegian Club, a social club for those with ancestral ties to the Marche region of Italy where she met her future husband. Two years later, they married. They lived in New Jersey for 14 years for Jack's work. When he switched to the company's sales department, they moved to West Hartford in 1955. Even more than books, Jo loved meeting and talking with old friends and making new ones every day. Quick to smile and engage in easy conversation, she made friendships that lasted decades. Her family and friends will miss those calls.

Josephine is survived by her son John Robert and his wife Jan, and her daughter Jeanne Marie. She leaves 8 dear grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, she is predeceased by her son James Joseph; son-in-law Thomas; sisters Anne and Angelina; brothers Randolph, Albert and Bruno.

Her family is deeply grateful to the staff and residents of Brookdale-Chatfield for their loving care, many kindnesses and happy companionship of the past year and a half. They have all become her extended family. And their love and eternal gratitude to her aide, Matilda, who lived with her the past five weeks. Her tender care and the growing love between them eased her final days and journey home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday July 13, 2109 at 9:00a.m. at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle 872 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Calling hours will be held on Friday July 12 from 4-6 p.m. at the Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home 136 South Main St., West Hartford.

Josephine had a great appreciation for her town's Police and Firefighters. Donations may

be made to the West Hartford Police Association 103 Raymond Road, 06107 or the West Hartford Firefighters Association 95 Raymond Road .In lieu of flowers, Gigi would ask that you offer smiles as you go about your day. That's how she liked to live and hopes you'll carry on for her. For online condolences please visit www.taylorandmodeen.com

Events

JUL **Calling Hours** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home

136 S. Main Street, West Hartford, CT, US, 06107

JUL **Mass of Christian Burial** 09:00AM

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Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle

872 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT, US, 06119

JUL **Burial**

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Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Avenue, West Hartford, CT, US

Comments



“ In the words of Emily Dickinson:
Because I could not stop for Death (479)
Emily Dickinson - 1830-1886

Because I could not stop for Death –
He kindly stopped for me –
The Carriage held but just Ourselves –
And Immortality.

We slowly drove – He knew no haste
And I had put away
My labor and my leisure too,
For His Civility –

We passed the School, where Children strove
At Recess – in the Ring –
We passed the Fields of Gazing Grain –
We passed the Setting Sun –

Or rather – He passed us –
The Dews drew quivering and chill –
For only Gossamer, my Gown –
My Tippet – only Tulle –

We paused before a House that seemed
A Swelling of the Ground –
The Roof was scarcely visible –
The Cornice – in the Ground –

Since then – 'tis Centuries – and yet
Feels shorter than the Day
I first surmised the Horses' Heads
Were toward Eternity –



“ Please accept our condolences - your Mom, Grandmother and GreatGrandmother was truly an original - and she will be missed by so many. Josephine was a treasure to all of us who knew her at Chatfield. My parents - Harry & Sylvia Rosenfeld - always enjoyed her company and there was a story to tell, a gleam in her eye and information that she had learned that morning from the many newspapers that she read. She was an amazing woman who saw so much in her lifetime and was so sweet and kind to everyone she met.

To her whole family - thank you so much for sharing Josephine with us for over 101 years.

May she rest in peace.

Linda Rosenfeld Stein

Linda Stein - July 11 at 10:37 AM