



## Sara Gray Barroll

December 27, 2018

Sara Dorsey Gray Barroll, 92, passed away peacefully on December 27, 2018 at her residence in the Duncaster Retirement Community in Bloomfield, Connecticut.

Sara was born on December 22, 1926, in Prince Frederick, Maryland, to Judge John Dorsey Gray Jr., who served as chief judge of Maryland's Seventh Judicial Circuit and Aimee A. Gray, a charming hostess and vigorous bridge player.

Sara grew up in Prince Frederick and attended Syracuse University, joining her sister Sue Gray (Gorton). She graduated in 1947 with a degree in Physics, Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Gamma. Following graduation, she moved to Baltimore where she worked in a laboratory at Western Electric testing the strength of materials. In 1952, she married William Luke Marbury Barroll of Baltimore. She left Western Electric in 1955, with the advent of children. Married life took Sara to Atlanta, Georgia; Minneapolis, Minnesota; and, in 1963, to West Hartford, Connecticut. For many years, while raising three children, she volunteered at Connecticut Braille, where she developed valuable expertise with the photographic equipment that could enlarge difficult text for school books. She worked part time at the West Hartford School System, as a substitute librarian, and as an assistant to the director of the district's Curriculum Department, where her sharp mind and organizational skills were put to good use. She was an active alumna of Delta Gamma and served as president of the Hartford Area Alumnae Association. She was an avid and very skilled bridge player, participating in a number of bridge leagues.

After her husband's death in 1987, Sara moved into the new Duncaster Retirement Community. She continued her volunteer work and her part-time work with West Hartford Schools, and threw herself into her new life at Duncaster. For many years she organized the Duncaster Play Readers group; choosing, editing, and directing many plays. She also ran the Turn Over shop where she organized sales, and helped Duncaster residents and staff find bargains. She played bridge several times a week, organized duplicate bridge tournaments, and refereed croquet tournaments. Each year she would make two circuits between New Mexico and California so that she could visit her children and grandchildren. Sara lived 25 vigorous and happy years in her Duncaster apartment, until poor health led

her to retire to Duncaster's assisted living center, where she lived quietly until her death. Sara is survived by two children: Hugh S. Barroll of Albany, California (Gail Hillebrand), and Peggy W. Barroll of Santa Fe, New Mexico (Hans Hartse), and four grandchildren: Daniel and Mark Barroll, and Sara and Jeremy Hartse. Her eldest daughter, Sue A. Barroll, died in 1978 at the age of 23. Her sister Sue Gray Gorton resides at Duncaster's assisted living center. She is also survived by her brother Frank Gray. Her brother Jack Gray predeceased her.

A celebration of her life will be held at Duncaster's Caleb Hitchcock Building on February 2nd. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Duncaster Endowment Fund, 40 Loeffler Road, Bloomfield, CT 06002 or on line at [www.duncaster.org/giving](http://www.duncaster.org/giving). Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, West Hartford has care of arrangements. For online condolences please visit [www.taylorandmodeen.com](http://www.taylorandmodeen.com)

# Comments

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“ Please accept my condolences on the passing of Sara. I have numerous found memories of her, Rex, Hugh, Peggy & Sue (going back a ways). Peace be with you. -  
-Ned Mann

**Ned Mann** - January 09, 2019 at 09:46 AM



“ Thank you , Ned! Yes, I remember you too. My regards to your family.

**Peggy Barroll** - January 12, 2019 at 10:21 AM