



## Sylvia (Grant) Wain

April 26, 2017

Sylvia Grant Wain died peacefully on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 in West Hartford at the age of 86.

Sylvia is survived by her husband, Elbert Wain of Bloomfield; children, Ellyn Behan and her husband, James; Sharon DeNapoli and her husband Anthony, Susan Hayes and her husband Thomas, John Wain and his wife Marina, and Daughter in Law Joan Wain; Grandchildren, Lisa Brody, Jason Brody and his wife Susan, Lauren Obert and her husband Daryl, Michael DeNapoli, Jenna Rose and her husband Nicholas, Hannah Hayes, Madeline Hayes, and Eleni Wain; as well as seven precious great grandchildren; and sister, Lorraine Lazzari of Boca Raton Florida. She was preceded in death by her dear son, Steven Wain.

Sylvia was born on March 8, 1931 in Hartford, Connecticut to Sylvia and Joseph Grant. She graduated from Hall High School in 1950 and stayed involved with her alma mater by serving on the reunion committee most of her adult life. She married Elbert Wain, her high school sweetheart and love of her life in 1950. As newlyweds, they moved to New Britain and started their family, welcoming three children. Before long, they built the family home in Bloomfield, where they would spend their lives and add two more children to the fold. Sylvia was a creative, loving and always energetic mother and grandmother, pouring her heart into family pursuits, including but not limited to, teaching everyone to swim, building sand castles, sewing homemade Halloween costumes (and generally one for herself to wear), building forts of sheets and blankets, attending all school functions, hosting birthday parties, eagerly adopting a menagerie of pets, and generally creating a home where all were welcome and loved.

Sylvia was an accomplished artist specializing in oil, from her teens to well into her eighties. While she displayed her works publically periodically, her most vibrant works adorn the walls of family members and are their most cherished possessions. Sylvia loved to tend her many perennial gardens, coaxing the most magnificent blooms out of her beds. Sylvia was a gracious and generous hostess, most especially to her family whom,

along with her husband, hosted the most memorable holiday celebrations complete with all the trimmings. Sylvia worked with her husband in a retail business they owned for better than twenty five years. She was the artistic force behind the merchandising and buying during the holiday season. She baked with great fervor, favoring many of her own Mother's recipes and producing the best holiday cut out cookies, strawberry short cake biscuits, birthday cakes and pies around. She was a communicant at Sacred Heart Church for the better part of adulthood.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at Sacred Heart Church, 26 Wintonbury Ave., Bloomfield. Burial will be private at a later date. Family and friends will be received Friday, April 28, 2017 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, 136 South Main Street, West Hartford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. For directions and online condolences, please visit [www.taylorandmodeen.com](http://www.taylorandmodeen.com).

# Comments

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“ Sue and the entire Wain Family Our families paths have always seem to cross in so many ways. Both of our Moms were West Hartford girls even though mine was a Mountie but hung around Hall to meet boys, Mom and Sylvia then hung around POW together, as we did in later years. After marriage both then settled in Bloomfield within a mile of each other. I am not sure how many pools Dad purchased from the store but it's at least three. I still remember that last pool purchased for I was sitting in your kitchen at the beach. Dad mentioned the other day that Mr Grant was his first boss at First National in WH center! Sylvia was such a kind and talented lady who will be missed by all. I am positive that my Mom was there to greet her lifelong friend. I am sorry that I missed her funeral but I was out of town. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Mary Murray - Bloomfield, CT - May 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Wain family, I was sorry to read of your wife/mom's passing. I remember her and she was a lovely lady. It's sad to see another Grant Hill original neighbor's passing. It was a wonderful place to grow-up always had kids to play with and we all knew each other. May she rest in peace. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you, Trudy Barnard

Trudy Barnard - Windsor Locks, CT - Neighbor - May 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sue~Sending sincerest sympathies to you and your family. Your mom was a remarkable lady. Terri-Ann (Trifari) Sands

- Avon, CT - April 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I have so many amazing memories with my grandmother. Every Sunday growing up we would go over to gram and gramps house and spend the day with them. We had our routine and what we all liked to do. We would head over to the mcdonalds by the airport so we could watch the planes. Then we would spend the afternoon in the pool if it was nice or inside playing with legos if it wasnt. When we were in the pool my grandmother would push my sister and i around on a raft singing "round and round the pool we go," for hours! At night she would cook us our favorite meal, kraft mac and cheese! We would then go onto the porch and pick out which glass plate we wanted to eat off. Gram had a huge selection of plates and collected them throughout her life. Thinking back, its amazing she let us eat orange mac and cheese off them! For a drink we got to chose vanilla, chocolate or strawberry milk and she would make us a cup. After our tiring day she would tuck us into bed and Hannah

and i would argue about which side of the bed we got. I have so many more memories with my gram. We would often go to "the farm" for ice cream and crawl through the hay maze. I believe there were many times she called for us to come out and we wouldnt so she would need to crawl in and get us! I will miss her dearly but will always have the memories growing up with her by my side. She is truly one of the sweetest most loving people I had ever met and I was lucky to have her as a grandmother.

**Maddie Hayes - Grandchild** - April 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sue, Tom, Hannah & Maddie; Our deepest condolences on the loss of your mom. What a tremendous testimony you gave her in the written memorial. the loss of a mother is never filled, but the love she had gets passed down to you. Gerry & Lisa

**Gerry & Lisa Amodio - New Britain, CT** - April 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM