

GERALDINE CONLON HARRINGTON

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Abstract: [...]she was highlighted in a feature article in the Hartford Courant in 1958.

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Full text: Geraldine Conlon Harrington passed away peacefully on February 13, 2015, surrounded by family. She was predeceased by her first husband, John W. Conlon, her second husband, Dr. Peter F. Harrington, her brother, John Daniels, her sisters Mary Fuesz and Dorothy Therriault, her daughter, Geraldine C. Travers, her son, John W. Conlon Jr., her grandson, John W. Conlon III and her son in law, Peter M. Moran. The daughter of John H. Daniels and Mary Fallon Daniels, Geraldine grew up on her family dairy farm in Usquepaug, RI. She was well versed in all aspects of running the farm at a very young age and was a proud member of the 4-H Club. After marrying her husband John (Johnny) in 1937, she started her family in Rhode Island before relocating to the greater Hartford area, where she would spend the rest of her life. Geraldine and her son, Jack, survived the Hartford Circus Fire in 1944. She spent over 6 months recovering from burns at Hartford Hospital. As painful as this experience was, it truly brought out a tremendous strength in Geraldine that was evident in all aspects of her life. She understood that family, community and business all need to be in concert with one another. While raising her three children, she always looked out for her extended family, ensuring that anyone needing help or attention got the assistance they needed. Her home was always open to family and friends. In the broader community, Geraldine felt a great responsibility, supporting initiatives such as St. Francis Hospital Auxiliary, The Farmington Valley Women's Club, St. Patrick's Church religious education program and the LaSalette Ball. Geraldine also stood out in the business world. Together with her husband John, she ran Farmington Manufacturing Company, and continued to do so long after his death in 1973. While John was the technology innovator, Geraldine was the shrewd businesswoman who successfully managed many vendor and client negotiations. In fact, she was highlighted in a feature article in the Hartford Courant in 1958. After losing her first husband, she eventually married Dr. Peter F. Harrington, or Frank, as he was known. They had many happy years together, travelling and enjoying each other's company, until he passed away in 1993. Geraldine's family was a source of great pride for her. She is survived by her sister, Madeline D. Brown, her daughter, Patricia C. Moran, her daughter in law, Joan B. Conlon and her son in law, Peter G. Travers. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren: Julie Conlon, Leslie Conlon, Alicia Conlon Perkins (Lance), Jennifer Conlon Moore (Rick), Dina Conlon Bilo (Scott), Peter Travers (Jennifer), Regina Travers Stettinius (Joseph), Andrew Travers (Mary Stuart), Sean Moran (Andrea), Meghan Moran Denya (Rob), Brendan Moran (Jodie), Courtney Moran Davis (Jonathan) and Whitney Moran O'Donnell (Ryan) and 19 great grandchildren, along with numerous nieces and nephews. Friends may call at The Ahern Funeral Home, 111 Main St., Rt. 4, Unionville on Tuesday, February 17 from 9:00-10:00am. Funeral procession from The Ahern Funeral Home will be at 10:00am followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in the Church of St. Patrick, Farmington, at 10:30 am. Burial will be at Mount St. Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield, immediately following the mass. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to The Connecticut Burn Center at Bridgeport Hospital, or to the charitable cause of your choice. To send online condolences to the family, please visit www.ahernfuneralhome.com. Paid death notice View and sign our online guestbook at Courant.com/obituaries.

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