

# Alice Ferraina

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Alice Ford Ferraina, 84, of Windsor, beloved wife of Daniel J. Ferraina for 62 years, passed away Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at her home surrounded by her family. A woman of grace, courage, and fierce intelligence, she has left a huge hole in the hearts of her family and friends. Her laughter, her loyalty, her beautiful brown eyes, her wisdom and generosity of spirit, and her unwavering love brightened all our lives and the lives of all who knew her. Alice lived in pain for much of her later life, and yet continued to greet life with a smile, always greeting both family, and strangers alike, with interest and love. Alice was a lifelong resident of Windsor and a member of the Asylum Hill Congregational Church. Daughter of the late Theodore F. and Edith (Grimshaw) Ford, Alice was born and raised in Windsor. She was the granddaughter of the late George Russell and Alice Ford; all descendants of the founding families of Windsor and the Mayflower. Alice was an only child, who developed beautiful, strong friendships at an early age, and those friends also became her family. At the tender age of eight, Alice was a survivor of the Hartford Circus fire in 1944. Alice graduated from the Chaffee School in 1953. She also attended the Hartford Conservatory of Music to study piano and received a full scholarship to the University of Hartford, where she earned a degree in Psychology Summa Cum Laude. Her passion for helping others led her to a Certificate in Alcohol and Drug Counseling and a career at New Britain General Hospital. Alice was a consummate lifelong student, and a voracious reader. She adored the ocean and would bask in a day at the beach with as much body surfing as the day would allow. She enjoyed visiting Watch Hill lighthouse and listening to the ocean break against the rocks. Alice traveled often, especially to England, the birthplace of her mom. Alice had a gift with colors, and loved to see those colors in the art created by her husband, Dan. Alice loved to sing and harmonize. Alice had such a strong empathy for animals and was a champion of them all, big and small. Once, she found a lost baby red-tailed hawk and kept him company until he could be rescued and later returned to the wild. It was never wise to talk to Alice, until she had her first cup of coffee. Alice was predeceased by her infant son, Jeffrey. Besides her husband, Alice is survived by her three children: Mark Ferraina and his wife, Laurie; Anne Rugens and her husband, Kerry, and Craig Ferraina and his wife, Stacey. She is also survived by six grandchildren: Bentley and his wife Meredith, Bradley and his wife Amanda, Christina, Katie, Ashley, and Allison; as well as three great grandchildren: Lily, Minnie, and Lucca. Alice is also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews, and her very own personal champion, little "Ritzie", her very loyal poodle. Her family would like to express its heartfelt appreciation to her many friends at Hartford Hospital, as well as the wonderful staff at Hartford Hospital Independence at Home and Hospice, especially our friend Nana. Services will be private at Alice's request. Burial will be with her son and family in Palisado Cemetery, Windsor. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either the ASPCA, PO Box 96929, Washington, DC 20090-6929, or Friends of Windsor Animal Care and Control, PO Box 382, Windsor, CT 06095, in her memory. The Carmon Windsor Funeral Home is caring for the arrangements. For condolences please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com). Carmon Windsor Funeral Home 807 Bloomfield Avenue Windsor 06095 860-688-2200 Website

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