

# Jessie S. Saxton

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Jessie S. Saxton (Salzer), 87, of Farmington passed away following a valiant fight with pancreatic cancer peacefully at home on Saturday, January 18, 2020. As a beloved wife and mother, Jessie cherished her family and the home she created over 65 years in the Highlands neighborhood of Farmington. As a child growing up in West Hartford, Jessie survived the Hartford Circus Fire of July 6, 1944 to graduate from Hall High School in 1950. She married G. William (Bill) Saxton in August 1952. The newlyweds purchased their lifetime home in January 1955. Jessie was evacuated by helicopter during the Flood of 1955 from Farmington High School to give birth to son Brian. The Saxton family continued to grow with the births of daughters Larilyn (Missy) and Sharon. Jessie's lifelong hobby of sewing skills led to a career in clothing and merchandizing. Starting as a seamstress altering clothes, she went on to work nearly 30 years at the Farmington Country Club Little Red Clock Shop golf pro shop as the clothing buyer to fashionably dress a generation of golfers, business leaders, and stylish men and women. She loved quilting, making intricate quilts for family and friends and most enjoyed the time she spent with the quilting group at Asylum Hill Congregational Church creating items for the church. Any day in the garden is a perfect day was Jessie's philosophy. If she wasn't tending the gardens at home, Jessie could be found at gardens throughout the community and most enjoyed caring for the nearby Farmington Library memorial garden. She and Bill square danced with the Central Valley Squares for over 40 years, forming a large devoted group of friends. Not one to be idle, Jessie volunteered, usually with Bill helping, at the Asylum Hill Congregational Church food pantry and thrift shop. They were a team working elections as town election moderators. Jessie most enjoyed traveling with Bill, usually accompanied by old friends and especially with their son and daughter-in-law. Her experience traveling to eastern France gave her a connection to and much needed solace about her brother who was severely wounded in World War II. Jessie is survived by her two children, Brian Saxton and his wife Lisa of St Joseph, MI and Sharon Farrell and her husband Tim of Cromwell, grandchildren Pam Saxton, Kelly and Jennifer Farrell, Bill Hatfield, and son-in-law Fred Hatfield. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 68 years Bill in June 2019 and daughter Larilyn Hatfield, as well as her parents and three siblings. Memorial gifts to the Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center at the Hartford Healthcare Cancer Institute as tribute to the wonderful care Jessie received are appreciated by the family. A private service will be held at The Ahern Funeral Home in Unionville. To send online condolences to the family, please visit [www.ahernfuneralhome.com](http://www.ahernfuneralhome.com) Ahern Funeral Home - Unionville 111 Main St., Rt. 4 Unionville 06085 (860) 673-2601 Website

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