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# Joan Z. Mandell

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Joan Z. Mandell, 87, of Simsbury, died peacefully at home on Friday Nov. 29, 2019. Born in Hartford on August 16, 1932, she was the daughter of Molly Eager Mandell. Joan was a graduate of Weaver High School and the former Hillyer College, predecessor to the

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University of Hartford. She retired after 30 plus years employed by the State of CT in the Controller's Office and the Department of Social Services. Joan was one of the last remaining survivors of the Hartford circus fire, July 6, 1944. Joan raised cats and entered them in competitions where they received many award ribbons including First Place. In her earlier years, she was an avid traveler including trips to Europe and Hawaii. She also loved reading mystery novels. Joan is survived by her two first cousins; Gerald A. Roisman and Karen Eager Aspenwall and close friend and caregiver, Sylvia Jennings. She had a large group of dear life-long friends as well as other relatives. A funeral will be graveside on Tuesday December 3, at 2:00PM at the First Ludmir Benevolent Association Cemetery, corner of Garden St. and Cleveland Ave., extension, off of Tower Ave., in Hartford. Following interment, the family will receive friends at 164 Beacon Hill Drive, West Hartford. Donations in her memory may be made to McLean, a continuing care and retirement community, 75 Great Pond Rd., in Simsbury or to a charity of donor's choice. The family expresses their heartfelt appreciation to the staff of McLean and their hospice unit for their exceptional care and service. Funeral arrangements provided by Hebrew Funeral Association, West Hartford.

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