In Memory of
Nancy M. Barnes
February 17, 1920 - May 30, 2014

Nancy M. (Mason) Barnes, age 88, of Westport, died May 30, 2014. She was the wife of the late Frederick R. Barnes.

Born in Fall River, a daughter of the late Dr. William and Nancy (Campbell) Mason, she spent her youth in Fall River, lived in New York City for several years and Darien, Connecticut for 30 years. She summered in Westport all her life until moving there permanently in 1964.

Mrs. Barnes was an Administrator for Darien High School for 13 years, retiring in 1984. Prior to that she taught pre-school children at several area schools including St. Luke’s Episcopal Church Nursing School. She was a graduate of North Hampton School for Girls and the former Miss Elliott in Boston. While in Darien, Mrs. Barnes was a member and past president of the Darien Book Aid Plan Inc., past president of the PTA and an active member of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church.

In Westport, she was a member of the Acacuet Club, the Spindle Rock Beach Club, a member and former board member of the Elephant Rock Beach Club. Active with Adams House, she was a former member of the board of trustees and chairman of its Women’s Board. She was an Honorary Life member of the Fall River Women’s Union.

Surviving are two sons, William Mason Barnes and his wife Anne of Westport, MA and Naples, FL, Frederick Rigby Barnes III and his wife Dr. Nancy Dupre of Prairie Village, Kansas, one daughter, Jane H. Barnes-Barndt of Bridgeport, CT, seven grandchildren: William Barnes Jr. and wife Patricia, Karyl Christ and husband Dr. Jan Baur, Robert and Amber Barnes, Rachel Denton and husband Jeffrey, Nicholas Rigby Barnes and wife Jennifer and Christopher Remington Berndt, one great grandson, William Mason Barnes IV “Trip” and several nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Janet Edmonds.

Nancy’s life was long, well fulfilled with family and friends, and now peaceful. She wanted to leave with all of us the message of her life well lived: “Throughout it all, I did it my way.”

Her Memorial Service will be held Friday, June 6, 2014 at 11 AM in the United Congregational Church, The Commons, Little Compton, RI. Visiting hours Thursday 4-6 PM in the WARRING-SULLIVAN HOME OF MEMORIAL TRIBUTE AT CHERRY PLACE, 178 Winter Street, Fall River. Contributions in her honor may be made to Adams House, 1168 Highland Avenue, Fall River, MA 02720. Burial private.

Guest Book
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"Dear Jane, I am so saddened to hear about the passing of your mother. You were a wonderful, caring, loving daughter to her, especially these last few years..."

Linda Willis (Stamford, CT)