

Elizabeth (Valentine) Chamberlain III W'41

Elizabeth "Betty" Carter Chamberlain, 93, of Chester and Madison, formerly of New Hope, PA, New Britain, Lyme and Old Lyme, passed away on September 21 at home surrounded by her loving family. Widow of Valentine B. Chamberlain III, Betty leaves her children, Chris Chamberlain Puffer and her husband, John Puffer of Wilbraham, MA; VB Chamberlain IV and his wife, Patty of Guilford, CT; Polly Chamberlain of Broad Brook, CT and her longtime friend, Ron Scardacchi; and Michael Chamberlain and his wife, Sharon of New Britain; She also leaves her beloved grandchildren: Davis Chamberlain and his wife, Katrina, Rick Chamberlain and his wife, Libby, Abby Chamberlain, Chase Puffer, Kate Bellis and her husband, Bryan and his son, Keaton, and Molly Reynolds and her husband, Mike. She also adored her five great-grandchildren: Ansen, Rowen, Eleanor, Carter and Hugo. She leaves her sister, Jean Bradley of Chester; as well as six nieces and nephews and their families. Besides her husband Val, she was predeceased by her brothers Robert W. Carter and William S. Carter. A graduate of The Chaffee School and Vassar College, she also received a graduate degree in education from CCSU. A dedicated volunteer at the American Red Cross, St. Mark's Church in New Britain, Old Lyme Congressional Church, she was especially devoted to the New Britain Museum of American Art and the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme. Betty and Val cherished time with family and friends, as well as traveling. A member of the Old Lyme Country Club, Betty was an avid tennis and bridge player. She also was accomplished at cooking, the NY Times crossword puzzle, needlepoint, cross-stitch and knitting. The family would like to pay special thanks to devoted caregiver Emelia Boateng and the staffs at Chester Village West and the Middlesex Hospice and Palliative Care. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross, the New Britain Museum of American Art, or the Florence Griswold Museum. The Carlson Funeral home in New Britain is in charge of funeral arrangements. The family will hold a private family graveside service. Please share a memory or note of sympathy with Betty's family at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

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