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Margaret H. Leake (1921 - 2017)

SARATOGA, N.Y. - Margaret "Peggy" Hodge Leake, 95, died Jan. 21, 2017, at Saratoga Hospital in New York.

She was born in 1921 in Toronto, Canada, the daughter of Mary Moffat and Dr. William Ray Hodge. When the British passenger liner Athenia was fired on by Germany in 1939, she and her sister were rescued, and their mother perished. The girls were then raised by Mary and Dr. Donald Fraser Sr. in Toronto.

Mrs. Leake received her degree in child study at the University of Toronto. She taught nursery school, kindergarten and special education.

She worked for seven years in the Southern Adirondack Library System, Saratoga Springs. She was a volunteer at libraries in Greenwich and in Vermont in Bennington, as well as at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in Bennington. She was an avid knitter.

Survivors include her sister, Jocelyn Lee, of Toronto; three daughters, Jocelyn Hand, of Stoughton, Massachusetts, Nancy Higby of Salem, New York, Wendy Hand, of Greenwich, New York; seven stepchildren, two grandchildren, step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Richard A. Leake; and three foster siblings.

The celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Bennington and Greenwich libraries. For online condolences, visit [www.maharandsonfuneralhome.net](http://www.maharandsonfuneralhome.net).

