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Anona Broadman, 86, Former Darien Resident, Junior League Member, Active Volunteer

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Anona (Arata, Naphen) Broadman, 86, of Avon, a beloved sister, mother, grandmother and friend, passed away Nov. 18.

Born in Darien, she was the daughter of the late George F. and Florence B. Arata. Nona was educated at the Masters School, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. and Hollins College, Va. She married Peter Baker Naphen, living and raising their three sons in New Canaan until his untimely death.

After her marriage to the late Richard Broadman, she moved to the Farmington Valley where she lived for over 40 years. She worked at Hartford Business Machines, Inc, as a Service Coordinator until her retirement.

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In 1995, she moved to Farmington Woods in Avon to share a home with her long-time friend and cherished companion, the late Richard Stahl.

— [This obituary](#) was previously published by the *Hartford Courant*.

She was a member of the Junior League of Stamford-Norwalk and served her New Canaan community in many ways. In the Farmington Valley, she delivered Meals-on-Wheels for the McLean Home, volunteered as an English as a Second Language tutor and assisted at Gifts of Love in various capacities.

She served her Farmington Woods Community as Chairman of the CONNECT Committee for several years helping to arrange monthly civic, cultural and social events. She also volunteered at the Avon Library.

Nona loved bridge, tennis, swimming, sailing and scuba diving. She was an accomplished underwater photographer, having given narrated slide presentations of her underwater photos through out the area. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her, especially her many friends at the bridge table.

She is survived by her three sons and their families: James Naphen, his wife Sarah, their daughters, Elizabeth, Bridget and Hayley; Jeffrey Naphen, his wife Mary, their boys Joshua and Seth; Michael Naphen, his companion Marianne McGarvey and her two daughters, Althea and Anjelica; her brother George Arata, and several nieces and nephews. She also leaves Dick Stahl's children: Sam Kohn, his wife Arla; Ilene Stahl and her husband Benjamin Miner Nona was a lifelong volunteer.

Her family will receive friends Friday, Dec. 29, 2017 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Memorial United Methodist Church, 867 W. Avon Road, Avon, CT 06001. A Celebration of her Life will begin at 11 a.m., followed by a reception.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Hartford Symphony, Avon Library or Food Share.

Memorials and condolences may be placed at Legacy.com.