

Susan Faulkner, 88, RTM Member, Passionate Gardener, Music Lover

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Susan Ott Faulkner, 88, longtime resident of Darien and wife of the late John Charles Faulkner, 3rd, peacefully passed away on Feb. 21 at Ashlar Village, Wallingford.

Born to Robert J. and Ruth Kaiser Ott, she grew up in Cincinnati and graduated from the Western College for Women. In 1952 she moved to Keene, N.H., met and married Jack, and moved to Darien in 1958 where they raised their family.

Susan was a passionate gardener, active community member, and enthusiastic lover of music.

She was President of the Federated Garden Clubs; served in Darien's Representative Town Meeting; volunteered with the Darien Community Association Garden Club; sailed and played tennis at Noroton Yacht Club; participated in the book groups at the Darien Library; volunteered for the Darien Republican Party; served as a Girl Scout leader; and enjoyed season tickets to the New York Symphony.

Together with Jack, Susan traveled to many corners of the world, photographing and visiting gardens wherever they went.

She was known for her sharp wit, quick mind, and sociable personality. She will be greatly missed.

She was predeceased by her loving husband Jack and her son J. Barrett Faulkner.

She is survived by her daughter Sarah Faulkner of Canton, daughter and son-in-law Cynthia and David Callahan of Darien, two grandchildren, Tiki Leff of Chicago and Joshua Leff of Brooklyn, N.Y., and sisters Jeanne Ott Saunders of Weston, Mass. and Barbara Ott Kautz of Cincinnati, Ohio.

A memorial service celebrating Susan's life will be held in late April at the First Congregational Church of Darien. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to [The Garden Conservancy](#).