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Lois Bortone, Active in DCA, Worked on Expanding, Renovating DCA Thrift Shop

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Darien (and former New Canaan) resident, Lois Bortone passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, June 18.

Darienite ^{born in 1927} Lois was the daughter of Charles and Louise Lauda. She grew up in Port Washington, N.Y., and married her high school sweetheart, Frederic John (Jack) Ahern.

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<https://darienite.com> As an artist, Lois' creative flair and style influenced her antiques-filled homes and bountiful gardens. She was the paragon of a model wife, mother, hostess and homemaker.

After the death of Jack Ahern in 1980, Lois married Matthew W. Bortone seven years later, who predeceased her in 2007. Together they enjoyed golf, traveling and creating dollhouses & miniatures.

As an active member of the Darien Community Association in the 1970s, Lois was instrumental in the expansion and renovation of the DCA Thrift Shop. She was a long-time member of Woodway Country Club.

Mrs. Bortone is survived by her daughter Nancy J. "Nan" Ahern of New York City, and son Frederic John "Rick" Ahern, Jr. of Hockessin, Del.; stepdaughter Dr. Joanne Bortone of Mt. Kisco, N.Y., stepson Matthew W. Bortone Jr. of Kona, Ha.,
6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, June 24 at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel of Noroton Presbyterian Church in Darien, followed by interment at Long Ridge Union Cemetery in Stamford.

There will be no calling hours; arrangements have been made by Lawrence Funeral Home of Darien.

Contributions in memory of Mrs. Bortone may be made to [North Shore Animal League](#) of Port Washington, N.Y.; [Post 53](#) of Darien; or [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#).