

Alice Cooney, 92, Longtime Darien Resident, Former Teacher, Excelled at Needlepoint

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Alice Knotts Cooney, 92, of Darien and Waldoboro, Maine, died peacefully at her home in Waldoboro on Sept. 30, 2016.

Born in Tacoma, Wash., on Nov. 17, 1923, she was the daughter of Gilbert Lloyd Knotts and Alice McCoy Knotts. She grew up in Portland and Falmouth, Maine and graduated from Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. She taught at the Knox School, Cooperstown, N.Y., Buckley Country Day, Great Neck, N.Y., and the Day School in New Haven.

Alice married Daniel R. Cooney on July 9, 1949, at her family's home in Falmouth, and they spent 67 loving years of marriage together. They moved to Darien in 1952, and made it their home. She filled many happy years there with her family and friends.

In addition to raising her two girls, Alice was involved in a number of volunteer organizations, including the Children's Aid Society, the Red Cross, and St. Luke's Church. She was for many years an active member of the Noroton Yacht Club.

— *This obituary is from the [Halls of Waldoboro funeral home](#).*

Alice had a gentle intelligence and impish curiosity. Her kindness to everyone earned her the name sweet Alice. A keen bridge player, she also enjoyed cooking, gardening, and her Norwich terriers. She was also known for her exquisite needlepoint. Maine had a special place in her heart, especially the family's home in Waldoboro, where she enjoyed exploring islands, family picnics, and family gatherings.

Alice suffered a long and debilitating illness from Alzheimer's Disease, and the family is enormously grateful to each of the women who gave her such loving care.

Alice was predeceased by her three sisters, Elizabeth Fletcher, Grace Bean, and Janet Granville.

In addition to her husband, Daniel Cooney, she is survived by her two daughters, Rebecca Cooney, and her husband Tito Pizarro of New York City, and Alice Cooney Frelinghuysen, and her husband George, also of New York City, as well as her two grandsons, Henry Frelinghuysen, of Stamford and Russell Frelinghuysen of Asheville, N.C.

A memorial service will be held in her honor on Wednesday, Oct. 19th, at 11 a.m., St. Luke's Parish, 1864 Post Road, Darien, Connecticut. She will have a private family burial in Waldoboro next summer.

Hall's of Waldoboro funeral home has care of the arrangements. To extend online condolences, light a candle for Alice, or to share a story or picture, visit her [Book of Memories](#) online at [the funeral home website](#).

In lieu of flowers, donations in Alice's memory may be made to St. Luke's Parish or the [Alzheimer's Association of America](#), 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

Editor's note, 11:27 a.m., Monday: Darienite.com previously published a version of this obituary [originally published](#) by the Portland Press Herald. The family wanted this version in Connecticut.