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Ann Hosted, 83, Former Darien Resident, Active Hospice Volunteer, Founded Pet Therapy Program

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Ann Meredith (Whaley) Hosted died peacefully on April 21 in Sarasota, Florida after a long battle with cancer. She was 83.

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Ann was born on Sept. 7, 1935, in Mansfield, Ohio. She grew up in Chatham, New Jersey, graduating from Chatham High School in 1953 as an honor student, varsity cheerleader and All-State field hockey player.

<https://darienite.com> liberal arts degree from Colby-Sawyer College. After college she worked in both New York City and New Jersey.

She married Thomas Joseph Hosted on March 2, 1957 in Chatham, New Jersey. Ann gracefully survived nine family relocations throughout the United States and overseas as a corporate wife.

— [an obituary](#) from *Robert Toale and Sons Funeral Home - Wiegand Chapel*

Throughout the moves, Ann always provided a loving home for their two children, family and friends. In 1993 Ann and Tom made their last move to Sarasota from Darien.

While in Connecticut, Ann founded the National Hospice Pet Therapy Program. In Sarasota she continued this work while heading up the Pet Therapy Program for Hospice of Southwest Florida.

For many years, Ann was also a member of the Hospital Vigil Team of Hospice of Southwest Florida, and a dedicated “baby cuddler” at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

Ann was an active member of The P.E.O. Sisterhood, a philanthropic educational organization, which support women’s educational goals. Her hobbies included a lifetime love of German shepherds, reading, knitting, bridge and travel.

Ann is survived by her husband, Thomas Joseph Hosted, of Sarasota; her daughter, Linda Ann Moses, and son-in-law, Charles Thomas Moses III, of Reston, Virginia; and her son, Dr. Thomas Joseph Hosted Jr., of Bradenton, Florida. She also is survived by her brother, Bruce Whaley, and his wife, Jeanne of Accomac, of Virginia; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 30 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 2506 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota, Florida, with a reception immediately following at the church’s Spirit Center. A private burial at Mary's Garden will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to [Moffitt Cancer Center Foundation](#), 12092 Magnolia Drive MBC-FOUND, Tampa, FL 33612. Please make a note that the donation is in memory of Ann Hosted.