

Cornelia Bronson, 90, Loved, Studied and Taught Music, Enjoyed Needlepoint

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Baroque music lover and bibliophile Cornelia Van Rensselaer Goebel Bronson passed away on Dece. 5, 2021 at the age of 90 after a courageous battle with dementia.

She was the daughter of Walther F. Goebel and Cornelia Robb Goebel of Greenwich and New York City. She leaves behind a family who will continue to honor her legacy by living their lives to the fullest.

Mrs. Bronson completed her bachelor's degree at Radcliffe College, earning magna cum laude honors at her double major in music theory and Tudor history.

After marrying Nathaniel Richardson Bronson II of Waterbury, Mrs. Bronson began work on her master's degree in music at Columbia University and taught piano lessons until the birth of her children.

After her husband finished his medical residency in New York City the family moved to Southampton, New York, where her great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rapallo Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. James Hampden Robb, had been longtime summer residents.

Dr. and Mrs. Bronson were Southampton residents for 25 years. Mrs. Bronson took cello lessons, performed in local classical ensembles, and played the 1,000-pipe organ from the St. John's Episcopal which had been installed in their house.

Mrs. Bronson was a member of the Southampton Garden Club and helped to lead the South Fork Concert Association. In the mid 80s, they moved to Fairfield, and later Mrs. Bronson moved to Darien.

Mrs. Bronson is survived by her son, Nathaniel "Tan" Richardson Bronson III (Lillian) of Vermont; and her daughter, Jean Henderson Bronson (Stephanie) of Virginia; her sister, Anne Goebel Barkman of Montreal; three grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, and grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

She leaves behind memories of her sharp wit, her love of needlepoint and cats, and her intense desire for

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solitude.

A funeral service took place Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021 at at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, followed by a short graveside ceremony at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Fairfield.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the [American Stroke Association](#), P. O. Box 849692, Dallas, TX 7284.

— [an obituary](#) from *Lawrence Funeral Home*, where online condolences may be left