

*Darienite*

*News for Darien*

<https://darienite.com>

---

## **Janet Phyfe, 97, Past President of Darien Book Aid, Volunteer at St Luke's, Tots 'n' Teens, Loved Gardening, Tennis**

**Author :** David Gurliacci

**Categories :** [Obituaries](#)

**Tagged as :** [Darien Obituaries 2021](#), [Darien Obituaries 2022](#), [Darien Obituaries January 2022](#), [Darien Obituaries October 2021](#), [Darien Obituary 2021](#), [Darien Obituary 2022](#), [Darien Obituary January 2022](#), [Darien Obituary October 2021](#)

**Date :** January 17, 2022

Janet Unz Phyfe, 97, died Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021 at Masonicare in Wallingford.

Janet grew up in New York City and moved with her family to Darien for her junior year of high school. Her father was a founding member of the Norwalk Skating Club, providing the family hours of shared enjoyment with the skating community.

Janet graduated from Low Heywood School and earned her bachelor's degree at Wheaton College. She

# *Darienite*

## *News for Darien*

<https://darienite.com>

---

worked in New York for several years before getting married, settling in Darien, and raising five children.

She enjoyed tennis into her 80s and many volunteer activities at St. Luke's Parish. Janet was also a past president of Darien Book Aid and a volunteer at Tots 'n' Teens, a lively local thrift shop whose proceeds benefited Planned Parenthood.

She moved to Rowayton in the mid-1970s and reveled in creating multiple gardens around her home, chatting with passersby, hosting children and grandchildren to the beach, and mowing her lawn with a push mower until her 80s.

Janet was a member of the Rowayton Gardeners Club, and her passion for the outdoors led her to support the Norwalk Land Trust in its mission to preserve open spaces.

In 2006, Janet relocated to Ashlar Village in Wallingford, became active in a book group, joined St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and enjoyed creating gardens around her home.

Janet is survived by her five children: William Phyfe and his wife, Margaret; Edith Phyfe; Craig Phyfe and his wife, Susan; Duncan Phyfe and his wife, Kathleen; and Janet ("Dee-Dee") Pawlina and her husband, Gregory; her 10 grandchildren: Elizabeth Mazzucco and her husband, Thomas; Katherine Phyfe; Evelyn Walsh and Victoria Walsh; Jonathan Phyfe and his wife, Anne; and David Phyfe and his wife, Kimberly; Duncan Phyfe; and Amanda Dowd and her husband, Brandon; Christine Pawlina and Catherine Pawlina; and two great grandsons. She is also survived by her sister, Barbara Hart of Virginia. Another sister, Elizabeth Delaney of Michigan, predeceased her.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, Jan. 24, 2022 at St. Luke's Parish.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Norwalk Land Trust, a favorite organization of Janet's. Donations by check or electronic payment should be sent to: [Norwalk Land Trust](#), P.O. Box 34, Norwalk, CT 06853. The check/donation should include "In Memory of Janet Phyfe" on the subject line.

— [This obituary](#) was published on *Legacy.com* by the *Norwalk Hour*.