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Jean Saunders, 89, Grew Up in Darien, Private Secretary to Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh

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Jean Olive Wallin Saunders, 89, of Anchorage, Alaska, peacefully joined the Lord Tuesday morning, May 23.

Jean was born on Aug. 17, 1927, to Ernest and Frieda Wallin in Stamford. She grew up in Darien.

Jean worked as an executive secretary, assistant to editors, and as office manager over a period of years.

After marriage and while raising three children, she became private and social secretary to Charles A. Lindbergh and Anne Morrow Lindbergh in 1957 for 18 years.

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She took advantage of in-depth musical training and professional performance experience, studying voice and piano in private instruction.

She sang in several opera companies and many church choirs, was a member of NATS, and had given concerts in America, Canada, Germany and Austria. She taught voice both privately and at UAA.

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She would sing "to create a sense of worth and love around all of us."

Jean gave freely of her time to support other singers and has been known to give impromptu voice lessons while being wheeled into surgery!

Jean is survived by three children, six grandchildren and her sister in Montana.

In lieu of flowers the family created the Jean O Saunders Music Scholarship Fund, c/o St. Mary's Church, 2222 E Tudor Rd., Anchorage, AK 99507.

A 3 p.m. memorial service in celebration of her life will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, June 10, 2017 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Anchorage, Alaska.