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Katherine Stanton, 79, Former Darien Resident, Loved Golf, World Travel

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Katherine Whitelaw Stanton died peacefully at her home in Houston on Sunday, Dec. 5, after a lengthy battle with pancreatic cancer. She was 79.

Kathy was born on Dec. 9, 1941 in Boston to Dr. and Mrs. George P. Whitelaw. She grew up in Boston and graduated from Beaver Country Day School, attended Bennett Junior College and graduated from Garland Junior College in Boston.

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Kathy moved to New York City to work as a guide in the New England Pavilion at the World's Fair. She remained in NYC where she met her husband-to-be. Kathy and John married in November 1966 and lived in Manhattan.

After the birth of their first child, the Stantons moved to Darien and subsequently to New Canaan. When John took a job in Houston in 1977, they moved here, and Kathy began shepherding their two children through school, sports and other activities.

For a period after the move, she missed her Connecticut life, but soon fell in love with Houston's social and climatic warmth. She was a frequent volunteer at a variety of places where she could help other people.

In 1994, the Stantons purchased a home in Duxbury, Massachusetts, where they spent major portions of each year. Kathy had spent summers in Duxbury as a child and has family there. She loved to play golf and was fortunate to play courses across the United States and in the United Kingdom, mainland Europe and South Africa. She also loved to travel and see the world, and she saw a lot, if not most, of it.

Kathy was a member of the Junior League, the Garden Club of Houston, the Chilton Club, Houston Country Club and the Duxbury Yacht Club.

She is survived by her husband, John; her daughter, Mary Stanton Smith and Mary's husband, Stewart; her son, Robert Locke Stanton, and his wife, Katie; her granddaughters, Caroline Whitelaw Smith, Katherine Stewart Smith and Mary Elisabeth Smith; as well as grandsons, Robert Locke Stanton Jr., Samuel Wise Stanton and John Holt Stanton. She is also survived by her sister, Elisabeth Whitelaw Comer, and Elisabeth's husband, Kevin, of Naples, Florida; her brother, George P. Whitelaw Jr., and his wife, Phyllis, of Duxbury, Massachusetts; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service is to be conducted at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 15 at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 717 Sage Road in Houston. Those unable to attend may watch [via live-streaming](#).

Immediately following, all are invited to greet the family during a reception at a venue to be announced during the services.

An additional ceremony, on a date and time to be announced, will be held in St. John the Evangelist Church in Duxbury. The committal will be in Mayflower Cemetery in Duxbury.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions in Kathy's honor be directed to [St. Martin's Episcopal Church](#), 717 Sage Road, Houston, TX, 77056; or to the [Garden Club of Houston](#), 4212 San Felipe St., PMB 486 Houston, TX, 77027.

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