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## **Kathleen Rae, 81, Teacher, Mother and Volunteer**

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Mrs. Kathleen P. Rae, of Darien, passed away peacefully on the evening of March 7, 2017, at Stamford Hospital.

Mrs. Rae, the daughter of Nicholas Perone and Elsie Fitzgerald, was born on Jan. 22, 1936 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. She graduated from Atlantic City High School in 1954 and earned her B.A. in education from The University of Delaware in 1958.

After her graduation from college, she moved to Washington, D.C., where she taught elementary school and loved her fourth grade. While living there, she met her husband Thomas Rae; they were married for 49 years until his death in 2015.

She settled with her family in Old Greenwich in 1970, and lived there until 2013 when she moved to Darien.

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Known for her quick wit, bright smile and contagious laughter, she was a wonderful wife and mom, and had many friends in the Greenwich area.

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— [an obituary](#) from *Edward Lawrence Funeral Home*

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She loved long walks at Tod's Point, chatting with everyone she met, volunteering within the community, and as a true animal lover she loved working for her many animal and pet charities.

Mrs. Rae is survived by her daughter Lisa Rae Koorbusch, Lisa's husband and her two grand-daughters, Eliza and Emilia Koorbusch. She was a charismatic bright light, and will be always be remembered and missed by her family and friends.

A private memorial service will be held at a future date. [Memorial contributions](#) should be sent to the [Alzheimer's Association](#), P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.