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Linda Bailey Searle, 93, Grew Up in Darien

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Linda Bailey Searle died at her home in Delray Beach, Florida on Jan. 16, 2019, at age 93.

Born March 14, 1925 in East Orange, NJ to Clifford Sherwood Bailey and Ellen Laird Bailey, Linda grew up in Darien and New Canaan. She graduated from The Ethel Walker School and Finch College.

In June 1945, Linda married John "Jack" Endicott Searle, Jr., who was in the Army Air Corps. Upon his discharge, Jack enrolled in MIT and the couple moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts. In late 1947, they moved again to Marblehead, Massachusetts where they raised their two daughters.

Linda was very creative and had beautiful style and taste. Linda and Jack were members of the Eastern Yacht Club, among other organizations. They bought a home at Saint Andrews Club in Delray Beach, Florida in 1973, where they became very involved in the club, and participated in many club activities.

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In particular, Linda was very active within St. Andrews and led a number of the club improvement projects. Jack and Linda were also members of nearby Gulfstream Bath and Tennis, and the Little Club.

They maintained a presence in New England owning a condominium in Beverly Farms, Massachusetts. They were members of Essex County Club in Manchester, Massachusetts.

Linda was predeceased by her husband in 2012. She is survived by her daughters: Ellen Kip Searle Abbott and her husband John H. Abbott of Manchester and by Carol Putnam Searle, and her husband Andrew J. Ley of Dedham, Massachusetts. She also leaves a granddaughter, Kelsey Searle Abbott, and her husband Peter T. McDougall of Osprey, Florida. Also surviving her is her sister, Mary Bailey Lumet of New York City. Arrangements will be private.

Contributions in her memory may be made to St. Andrews Club, Jack Searle Golf Tournament Fund, 4475 N. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach, FL, 33483.

The family is very grateful for the loving care provided by her caregivers Nadine Holloway and Claudette Kirlew Smith.