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Mary Dana Munro, 96, Wrote for Life Magazine, Active Volunteer Who Loved Singing, Creating Art, Reading

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Mary Dana S. Munro (Dana) died with her loving family by her side on Aug. 17, 2019 at The Greens of Cannondale in Wilton from complications of Apnea. She was a longtime resident of Darien.

Born on Feb. 9, 1923 in Troy, New York, she was the daughter of the late Gabriel Roberts Solomon from Macon, Georgia and Jeanette Bucknam Solomon from Sioux City, Iowa and Maine.

She attended Emma Willard School in Troy and graduated in 1941. She then attended Smith College where she received a Bachelor's degree, Class of 1945.

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Following college, she enjoyed a career in journalism with Life magazine. During that time she met her late husband, John A. Munro, singing with the Village Light Opera Group and performing many Gilbert and Sullivan operas.

The couple had three children: Ian Grant Munro, Robert Arthur Munro and daughter Dana B. Munro. The family moved to Mountain Lakes, New Jersey and subsequently to Darien in 1972. She is survived by her children and grandchildren, Allison and Kevin Munro of Maine. Dana's younger sister, Gabrielle (Gay) Solomon Ewing of Louisville, Kentucky predeceased her.

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

An accomplished artist, she also studied at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Silvermine Guild Arts Center, and the Rowayton Art Center. She participated in many group and individual art shows throughout the years. Also, an avid reader, she loved good books and discussing them with friends.

She was an ongoing advocate of charitable causes and valued those working to make the world a better place for all. She was a lifetime member of WOR radio, Connecticut Public Television and the Metropolitan Art Museum. Over the years she volunteered with Recording for the Blind, Meals on Wheels, the American Heart Association, and many other worthwhile endeavors.

For many years, Dana and her late husband enjoyed singing in the choir of the First Congregational Church.

A celebration of her life will be held at 11 a.m., Sept. 28 at the First Congregational Church of Darien, 14 Brookside Road.

If desired, please make contributions to a charitable organization of your liking in her name.