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Mary Mitchell, 89, Avid Reader, Great Storyteller, Longtime Darien Resident

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Mary Margaret Mitchell, a long-time resident of Darien, passed peacefully surrounded by her family on Tuesday morning, Sept. 18. She was 89.

Mary was born in New York City on Jan. 19, 1929, the eldest daughter of Mary (Mame) and Daniel Meskill, proud natives of Ireland. She attended Cathedral High School of Manhattan and CCNY.

She spent her early career at Texaco and met her devoted husband of 60 years, Robert Sherman (Bob), at the Jug End Barn in Massachusetts. They spent their early family life in Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and the New York area before they settled in Darien in the early 70s.

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A loving mother of a large family, Mary was happiest surrounded by her children, stayed on top of current events, and was an avid reader. She was a great storyteller and loved to laugh. She was cherished and will be missed by all.

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

Mary is survived by her husband and Naval Officer, Bob; her children: Tom (May) of San Jose, CA, John (Alex) of Westlake Village, CA, Bob of Guilford, Kara (Mark) Gregory of Darien, Barbara (Daniel) Weingold of Mount Vernon, VA, Mia (Charles) Cortellesi of Darien, and Joan (John) Carlo of Darien.

She was a proud grandmother and most enjoyed the time she spent with her 20 grandchildren, Connor, Ryan, Megan, Matthew and Clare Gregory, Thomas and Sophia Cortellesi, Mary Cate, Grace, Caroline, and Jack Carlo of Darien; Sydney and Nicholas Mitchell, Sarah and Emily Mitchell, Dylan and Andrew Mitchell, Shea Eamon and Catherine Weingold.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Daniel and William, her son William, and is survived by her brothers: Bob, Jim, John, and Larry Meskill; and her sister, Joan Curis; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at Lawrence Funeral Home, 2119 Post Road in Darien from 4 to 8 p.m., Friday, Sept 21. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. John Roman Catholic Church, 1986 Post Road in Darien at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 22.

Memorial donations may be sent to: [Arthritis Foundation](#), 35 Cold Spring Road #411, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.