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Merylin Skiba, 87, Nurse, Grew Up in Darien

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Merylin A. Skiba, 87, of New Britain, and formerly of Darien, passed away Thursday, Nov. 16 at the Jerome Home in New Britain.

Born on Sept. 5, 1930, in Queens, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Joseph L. and Emily (Quinn) Schlitt.

Merylin grew up in Darien and as a child loved going to the beach and horseback riding. She earned her nursing degree at Cornell University School of Nursing. Merylin married Bernard L. "Skip" Skiba on Oct. 1, 1952 in Noroton, and Skip predeceased her on Oct 31, 1994.

Former residents of New Bedford, Mass., Merylin and Skip moved their family to Red Hook, N.Y. in 1960. Merylin worked as a nurse at Bard College in Annandale, N.Y. from 1968-1994 and served as Bard College's director of health services from 1981 to 1994.

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Always active, Merylin was a volunteer at Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck and a member of the NDH Auxiliary. She also volunteered at Benedictine Hospital in Kingston, N.Y., at the Association of Retarded Children in Kingston and as an usher at the Ulster County Performing Arts Center in Kingston.

— [an obituary](#) from the *Burnett & White Funeral Homes website*

Merylin was a member of the Clermont Seniors, the Open Door Club in Rhinebeck, the Bard Lifetime Learning and the Marist College Center for Lifetime Studies. She also served on the Board of Directors for the Town of Red Hook Recreation Park, and when her children were younger was a Brownie leader and consultant.

In her retirement years, Merylin was able to travel and enjoyed trips to Europe, the Canadian Rockies and the western United States.

Merylin was a communicant of Church of the Resurrection in Germantown, N.Y.

She is survived by her loving children, Barbara A. Skiba of Cheshire; William M. Skiba and his wife, Cheryl, of Ionia, N.Y.; and Suzanne Domanico of Edgewood, Md. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Elizabeth Skiba of Rochester, N.Y.; Mitchell Skiba of Mountain View, Ca.; and Jason Domanico of Springfield, Va.; along with extended family, colleagues and friends.

Friends may call from 3 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017 at the Burnett & White Funeral Homes, Red Hook, N.Y.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 22 at the funeral home. Burial will be at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Red Hook.

Memorial donations may be made in Merylin's memory to the [Hudson Valley Hospice](#), 374 Violet Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 or the [Hartford Healthcare Hospice](#), 300 Queen St., Southington, CT 06489

Arrangements are under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes 7461 S. Broadway, Red Hook, NY.

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