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Ruth Butler, 84, Model, Actress, Tutor, Devoted Mother of Six, Former Darien Resident

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Ruth Louise “Jill” Butler (née Robertson), passed away on March 19, at the age of 84.

Raised in Minneapolis and Chicago, Jill attended high school at Marywood Academy in Evanston, Ill., and graduated from the College of New Rochelle. She married, lived briefly in Fair Lawn, N.J., then settled in Ridgewood, N.J., where she devoted herself to raising her six children.

She later pursued a career in teaching, first in the Ridgewood public schools, and later, after moving to Darien, as a sought-after tutor for many years at the Sylvan Learning Center there. In later years she also resided in Fairfield, New York City and Duxbury, Mass.

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Noted throughout her life for her beauty, Jill also worked intermittently as a model and actress. From magazine ads for Coca-Cola in her teens, to TV commercials, print work, and a small role in the *Sex and the City* movie in her 70's, her natural elegance and warm smile were always in demand.

— [an obituary](#) from the *MacDonald Funeral Home*

Jill will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 63 years, James Butler, and her children James Jr. (Alice), Michael (Ginny), Katherine Reilly (Ed), Jennifer O'Neal (Greg), William (Laura), and John (Eileen), as well as 19 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. She was predeceased by her brother, Jack Robertson.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in memory of Jill at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 24, 2014 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 1 Passaic St., in Ridgewood, N.J.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Jill can be made to [the College of New Rochelle](#), 29 Castle Place, New Rochelle, NY 10805.

For online guestbook and driving directions please visit [the MacDonald Funeral Home website](#).