



Rae Lily Robinson

November 21, 1932 - December 23, 2024

Rae Lily Robinson, 92 of Southington, widow of William H Robinson passed away peacefully December 23, 2024 at Bradley Memorial Campus in Southington, Connecticut.

Rae was born in the Bronx, NY on November 21, 1932 to the late Olga (Kowbasnik, Roman) and James P. Kroncke.

Rae was a 1950 graduate of Mary Immaculate Academy New Britain, Ct. After attending MIA, she graduated from the former Art School of Fashion and Design in Hartford. She also studied at the Fine Art School of Central Connecticut State University, New Britain; Fair Art School, Hamden; and privately with Sr. Magdeline. She was a member of the former Eastern Star. She was a faithful devoted member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

In her earlier career, Rae worked in the advertising departments at the former D&L fashion store, BC Porters Furniture store in New Britain and Sage Allen in Hartford. She also designed window displays at various department stores throughout Hartford. Rae taught Art at St. Matthew's Lutheran school in New Britain.

Throughout her life in Southington, Rae was influential in starting the Art and Craft Association of Southington as the first Vice President and eventually as President. She was also a member of the Republican party and until recently served as a Justice of the Peace.

Rae leaves behind a legacy of cultivating highly successful private art students and others. She was recognized through awards, in international

collections, and special honors. She was invited to create charcoal drawings of Immigrants who entered through Ellis Island and settled in Connecticut. These drawings were exhibited in the Museum of Immigration in the Statue of Liberty as a part of the Ellis Island restoration and "Connecticut Day". Rae enjoyed trips abroad and through the U.S. with her beloved husband, Bill. Rae leaves behind daughter Dale Anne (Robinson) Whalen and son-in-law John D. Whalen of New Britain, CT. Grandsons James D. Whalen of Holland, MA and Thomas E. Whalen of Aliso Viejo, CA and his partner Elly S of CA; and a great grandchild Finnegan P. Whalen of Holland, MA, dear family and friends nieces and nephews and brother-in-law Earl Robinson, Chambersburg, PA.

The family wishes to thank the hospice team and staff at the Bradley Memorial campus in Southington, CT. We also wish to thank treasured companions Jamie Aylward and Patricia DonAroma, who enriched Rae's last few years. Funeral services to be held Monday, January 6, 2025 at 10 am at St. James Episcopal Church, 3 Mountain Rd, Farmington, CT 06032. There will be no calling hours. Burial following funeral services at State Veterans Cemetery in Middletown, CT. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes for donations to the Art League of New Britain, 30 Cedar Street, New Britain, CT 06052. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting the family with arrangements. To leave a memory or note of sympathy please visit www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

CT Veterans Cemetery

Bow Lane
Middletown, CT

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. James Episcopal Church
3 Mountain Rd.
Farmington, CT 06032

Tribute Wall

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“ My wife and I were sad to hear of Rae's passing. Several years ago we purchased one of her paintings and she wanted to see how we hung it in our house. So, she drove over one day to see it. Our house is like an art gallery and when Rae came in she got very excited and wanted to see all of our paintings. We have a small house so it didn't take too long to see them all. When we mentioned that we had more on the basement walls, however, she was determined to see them, too. It was a struggle for her to get down our basement stairs but she did it and completed the tour. Going back up the stairs was another story. When the tour was over she sat with us for over an hour and talked about her life in art and what it meant to her. She was a fascinating lady!

Dean and Robin Nevelos
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Dean Nevelos - January 03, 2025 at 05:42 PM

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“ I loved Rae, she was like a mother to me; known her for most of my life. She had a special way about her that inspired creativity and elevated thinking. There will never be another special lady like her. The end of an era. Hugs to Dale, John, their children and grandchild. My most heartfelt condolences.

Peggy Quinn - January 03, 2025 at 09:20 AM

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“ Rae was a treasured friend for over 15 years. She was a nice cantankerous person who had many friends and gave us all a lot of herself and was a great artist

Frank Bradley - December 27, 2024 at 04:23 PM