

MARY MURRAY

LIFETIME FIVE TOWNER

Hundreds of mourners packed Trinity-St. John's Episcopal Church in Hewlett, Oct. 10, for the funeral of Mary Braman Murray. A



lifetime Five Towns resident, Mrs. Murray died at age of 69 after briefly suffering from an aggressive form of lung cancer.

The daughter of Chester and Anna Braman, she lived in Lawrence, Hewlett Harbor and Hewlett

Neck where, as a child, she kept a horse.

"She was an avid equestrian," says her husband, Arthur. "When she was young girl, she got in trouble riding her horse on the campus of the Lawrence Private School in Hewlett Bay Park."

Also as a young girl and swimming enthusiast, she met her future spouse at the Lawrence Beach Club, where the Braman and Murray families were members since 1929. The couple married in 1954.

After graduating from Lawrence School, she attended Miss Porter's School in Farmington, Ct. She then spent two years at Weelock College.

Moving to the Isle of Wight in Back Lawrence after her marriage, she took a job as a librarian at the Peninsula Public Library. An accomplished horticulturalist, she was past president of the Garden Club of Lawrence.

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She was also an active parishioner and Altar Guild member at Trinity-St. John's Church. In addition, she was a longtime board member of the Rock Hall Museum in Lawrence.

Mrs. Murray was a distant cousin of Eleanor Roosevelt and related to Connecticut Governor Ella Grasso.

Besides her husband, she leaves behind her daughter, Anne Murray of New York City; her sons, James of Burlingham, Ca., and Michael of Los Angeles, Ca.; daughters-in-law, Helene and Alice; sister, Eleanor Grasso of Niantic, Ct.; brother, Lawrence Braman of Cambridge, Mass.; and grandson, Fred Leuzinger. She was predeceased by her son, Arthur F. Murray, Jr., who died in a commercial fishing boating accident in 1986; and her brother, Chester A. Braman, Jr.

A graveside service took place at Holy Rood Cemetery in Westbury. It was followed by the memorial service at Trinity-St. John's Church. The Reverend Dr. Earle W. Pratt officiated. Arrangements were made under the direction of Meserole Funeral Home in Inwood.

Donations to Trinity-St. John's Memorial Fund, 1142 Broadway, Hewlett, 11557, are appreciated.