

Joan Lanston McKeown, 90 years, of Chatham, formerly of Short Hills, died peacefully on October 6, 2021 in South Windsor, CT. Joan was an affectionate and loving wife, (Samuel Anderson McKeown II, predeceased); and mother of Robert Lanston McKeown (Sara), William Tolbert McKeown (Kerry) and Joan McKeown Baratta. She was a grandmother of ten that she lovingly referred to as her 'treasures' - Thomas, Samuel, Molly and Anne McKeown (Robert McKeown); Layne, Jacqueline, Ainsley and Brynn McKeown (William McKeown); Emily and George Baratta (Joan Baratta).

A 1949 graduate of the Kent Place School in Summit, NJ and a 1951 graduate of Bennett Junior College, Millbrook, New York.

Throughout her life, Joan actively served Christ Church in Short Hills, The Kent Place School and was a Trustee Emeritus of The Chatham Day School. Joan and Sam shared a passion for Camp Dudley and Camp Kiniya and helped direct hundreds of young boys and girls to the north country to spend their summers. Joan was a Sustainer of the Junior League of Short Hills, and a former member of The Lake Placid Club in Lake Placid, New York as well as The Short Hills Club and Baltusrol Golf Club.

Joan had a strong sense of community and was a passionate supporter of everything she did. In her professional career as a travel agent, Joan helped many newlyweds plan memorable honeymoons, led numerous ski trips all over the world to benefit American Field Service and created exciting family trips around the globe.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, November 6th at Christ Church in Short Hills (66 Highland Avenue – Short Hills, NJ) at 11:00 AM. A reception to immediately follow the service at the church.