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Lorraine C. Webber



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Lorraine C. Webber, 97, passed away peacefully on October 27, 2023, at her home in Tarrytown, NY. She was the cherished wife of 75 years of Harold S. Webber, who died in 2020, the devoted mother of David, and his wife, Karen Jenkins, of Dobbs Ferry, NY, and of Jeffrey, who passed away in 2022, the loving grandmother of Althea Webber, and her husband, Michael Gruen, of New York City, and of Jeremy Webber,

and his wife, Jean Bingham, of New Orleans, and the beaming great-grandmother of Nan Webber, also of New Orleans.

Born in Providence, the daughter of Samuel and Irene (Morein) Cramer, she was a lifelong resident of Rhode Island until moving near to her sons in 2021. Raised in straitened circumstances following her father's early death, she married her childhood sweetheart, raised a family, and left her mark on the world through tireless professional and community work. Her motto was, "You can if you think you can", which she demonstrated repeatedly in a long career of leadership roles with the League of Women Voters, Planned Parenthood, the Warwick Community Development Program, the Rhode Island Department of Education, and Hadassah. Through the years, she served on numerous other community-focused commissions and committees, made a run for Providence city council in 1966, and was given the 1976 Community Service Award by the Rhode Island Minority Caucus. While employed as special assistant to the Commissioner of Education, she earned her bachelor's degree, a long-desired achievement that had not been a possibility earlier in her life.

After retirement, she traveled, continued her volunteer work, honed her already formidable quilting and needlepoint skills, grew beautiful Asiatic lilies, and, until recently, delighted the fortunate with her extraordinary tollhouse cookies.

There will be a graveside ceremony at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick, on Thursday, November 2, at 1:00 p.m.

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