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Mary (Cannon) Molander, 88, of Main St., Portland, formerly of Deep River entered into eternal rest Wednesday (February 13, 2002) at the Portland Care & Rehabilitation Center. Her husband, Kenneth C. Molander predeceased her. She was the daughter of the late James and Mary (McKenna) Cannon. Mary was a member of the Church of St. Mary in Portland and will be missed greatly by her family and friends. She was a

survivor of the great circus fire that occurred in Hartford in 1944, where she saved herself, her son, and a young girl who had been separated from her group at the birthday party she was attending. Mary is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, C. Kenneth and Pam Molander of Marco Island, FL; two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Randy Harris of Waterford, and Deborah Calavas and Ken Kearns of Portland. Her grandchildren and spouses, Robin and Randy Gibson of New Bern, NC., Wendy and Barry Levinson of Thousand Oaks, CA., Tracy and Alex Torello of Wilmington, NC., Todd and Kris Molander

of Raleigh, NC., James and Suzanne Grieshaber of Scottsdale, AZ., Lanle and Matt Verrier of Portland, Peter, Lisa and Kenneth Harris of Waterford, Tara and Kahill Calavas of Portland; her great grandchildren, Matthew Verrier of Portland, Jennifer and Randy Gibson Jr. of New Bern, NC., Ariana and Emllia Torello of Wilmington, NC., and Kyra and Bryce Molander of Thousand Oaks, CA., as well as her special friend and longtime companion Jack Szymazek of Portland. She will be loved and remembered always and forever. Funeral services will be held Monday, 9:15 a.m. from the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial, 10 a.m. in the Church of St. Mary, Portland. Burial will be in Fountain Hill Cemetery, Deep River. Friends may call at the funeral home Sunday, 6-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Mary's memory may be made to the Library for the Blind & Handicap, 198 West St. Rocky Hill, CT. 06067, or Church of St. Mary Memorial Fund, 51 Freestone Ave. Portland, CT. 06480.

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