



Mary-Frances "Fran" Lindsley MacKie, 90, of Farmington and formerly of Avon, beloved wife of the late Alexander "Don" M. MacKie, passed away peacefully on Wednesday (October 17, 2012). She was born to George W. and Muriel (Abbott) Lindsley on September 11, 1922, in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. She graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy and Montreal Business College. After graduation, she was employed by Western Union and spent several years as a reporter, columnist and photographer with the former "Hartford Times."

Fran began her 25-year career with the Town of Avon as Registrar of Voters, retiring in 1985 as Collector of Revenue. Recognized as a "Hometown Hero" in connection with Connecticut's 350th birthday celebration in 1986 and Avon Citizen of the Year in 2001, she was very proud of her community. Fran wrote "Avon, Connecticut, an Historical Story," considered the definitive record of the community, which was published by the Avon Historical Society in 1988. She belonged to numerous town committees including as chair of Avon Land Trust and member of The United Way, West Avon Garden Club and Avon Historical Society. A member of West Avon Congregational Church since 1951, she served as its clerk and as chair of the Board of Trustees. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Fran is survived by her sons, Donald MacKie and his partner Caryl Niek of Avon, and Alexander "Sandy" MacKie and his wife Michelle of San Francisco, California; her daughters, Elizabeth MacKie and her husband Joseph Venturato of Ridgefield, and Jane MacKie and her husband Joseph Farrell of Lafayette, California; eight grandchildren, Mary Elizabeth MacKie; Alexandra and Francesca MacKie; Emily, Erin and Peter Venturato; and Brian and Andrew MacKie-Mason; as well as her sister, Gayla Rivard of Lyndonville, Vermont; and many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her sisters, Lillian Aronson, Muriel Starr and Elizabeth Sierman.

A Memorial Service and reception will be held on Sunday, October 21, at 12:30 p.m. at West Avon Congregational Church, 280 Country Club Rd., Avon, CT 06001. Burial will follow in West Avon Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the church.