



**WITH DEEP REGRET WE ANNOUNCE THE PASSING OF  
OUR DEAR FORMER PRESIDENT AND FRIEND...**

## **Jane Haven**

Jane Hathaway Haven of Chatham, 93, died February 2 at Cape Heritage in Sandwich after several years of declining health. She leaves family in Sandwich. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, she was the only child of Elmer Leroy Hathaway and Marie Ketels Hathaway. She was raised in Chilicothe, Illinois, and graduated in 1941 from Chilicothe High School, where she played the bassoon in state high school marching band competitions.

Ms. Haven graduated from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, in 1944 as a chemistry major in a war-accelerated program. She then worked as a chemist for Midwest Research Institute in Kansas City, Missouri, the second woman to be so employed. In this capacity, she frequently gave presentations on the synthetic textiles that were then emerging on the market, including nylon, Dacron and Orlon.

In September 1949, she received a fellowship to continue her education and entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a PhD candidate in textile chemistry. While at MIT, she met Alfred C. Haven, who was there as a PhD candidate in organic chemistry. They were married on February 5, 1950, in Kansas City, Missouri, lived in Cambridge while he completed his PhD program, then moved to Wilmington, Delaware, where they raised their family. In Wilmington in the early 1960s, Ms. Haven hosted a radio program addressing women's issues of the day at WDEL. She also was one of the first women to serve on the vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Ms. Haven spent 1972 to 1975 living in Tokyo, Japan, when her husband's career took them there; the experience piqued her interest in Japanese culture and she became a collector and art dealer of modern Japanese woodblock prints.

Throughout her adult life, she was keenly interested in equal opportunities for women in the business and academic fields, and was for many years active in the American Association of University Women, serving terms as president of both the Wilmington and Cape Cod branches. The Cape branch named her an Educational Foundation honoree in 1993.

She retired in 1982 to Wellfleet, where she was an active member of the Board of Outer Cape Health and resumed playing the bassoon, performing with the Lower Cape Concert Band; then moved to Chatham in 1998 and joined St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, volunteering in the thrift shop and serving on the search committee for the current rector.

In addition to her husband of 67 years, she leaves three children, Kenneth R. Haven and his wife, Casey Haven, of Livermore, California, Elizabeth L. Haven and her husband, Richard Humphreys, of Auburn, California, and Julia Haven Malloy and her husband, Gregory Malloy of Sandwich; and five grandchildren, Caroline Humphreys, Elena Humphreys, Emma Haven, Kylie Malloy and Rory Malloy.

A memorial service will be Saturday, March 11, at 11 AM at St. Christopher's Church in Chatham.