



## Kathleen S. Kern

January 31, 1920 - November 24, 2011

Kern, Kathleen S.

Chatham, Kathleen S. Kern, 91, where she resided for over 60 years, peacefully passed away on Thanksgiving Day, 24 November 2011.

Born on 31 January 1920, in Austerlitz, NY, where she was raised in the historic house now restored by Bobby Heron. She was the daughter of Kathleen Quinn and Peter Saur.

Mrs. Kern, a.k.a. "Kitty," was best known for her long career as the manager and buyer for the popular store Marsh's in Hudson, NY, where she was head of the Ladies Department. Noted for her impeccable flare for fashion, she was in numerous print ads and fashion shows during the 60's, 70's and early 80's, that she magnificently modeled in. Anyone who knew her, knew the friendly smile she gave to so many as she enjoying being of kind service to others no matter what she was doing.

Aside from the personal touch she added to her place in Marsh's history, Mrs Kern was a devote worker in many areas. From working alongside her late husband, Earl, in caretaker roles, she worked with Joyce Keil at The Mouse House, also in Hudson, where she stayed more behind the scenes serving up their delicious selections. She last worked until 86 at Ginsberg's in the mailing department.

She had a creative flair that was always displayed in creating warmth and welcome within her home with her innovative decorating talents and the ability to master meals which brought comfort and pleasure to anyone who savored them. Aside from making any meal special, she was equally known to distribute her delicious baked goods in one of the many ways she innately knew how to say thank you.

An avid golfer, Kitty spent many an enjoyable days on the greens at Meadowgreens and various area courses. Along with her care taking abilities, she was seen happily mowing her own greens at home until the late summer of 2011.

She is survived by her daughter, Kathryn Lanzi of Marion, NC, and granddaughter, Shara A. Lanzi of Chatham, NY. She is pre-deceased by her husband Earl Kern, her sister Anna Alto, and brother, Peter Sours.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 10:30am, 03 December 2011, at the St James Parish, 129 Hudson Ave, Chatham, NY, where she especially enjoyed wisdom in her later years from Father Gary. All are welcome to attend and celebrate in her long and beloved life.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Community Hospice of Columbia and Greene, 47 Liberty Street, Catskill, NY 12414. [www.communityhospice.org](http://www.communityhospice.org).