

Janet Dorsch Zagoria, chair of the County Government Committee of the League of Women Voters of Westchester and a member of the League of Women Voters of New Castle, passed away peacefully at her home in Crugers, New York, on Tuesday, August 8, 2017. She was 83.

Janet was a remarkable woman whose attention to detail, dogged research skills, and writing ability served her in good stead, both in her work with the LWV, and in other volunteer positions, particularly those associated with her alma mater, Wellesley College. For the LWV, her most recent work had been an exhaustive, thorough review of the progress of property reassessments and revaluation in communities throughout the county that could lead to fairer distribution of taxes. It attracted the attention of the media, members of the County Legislature, and many municipal officials, and led to speaking engagements and TV appearances for her. But she also was a regular observer at meetings of several County Legislative committees, keeping an eye on matters such as Playland's future and the operations of the Westchester County Board of Elections.

In addition to her undergraduate degree from Wellesley, Janet held a Ph.D. in Political Science from Columbia University. She began her career in Washington, DC, as an analyst with the National Security Agency. While subsequently working on the staff of Senator Clifford Case of New Jersey she met her husband, Donald, who survives her. In addition to politics, she and Don shared a love of education and sports like skiing and tennis, and traveled the world. Their journalist son Adam also survives her, as do their daughter-in-law Jennifer Barton, their grandchildren Grace and James, and her nieces Lee and Kim Taylor.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked that memorial contributions be made to Wellesley College.