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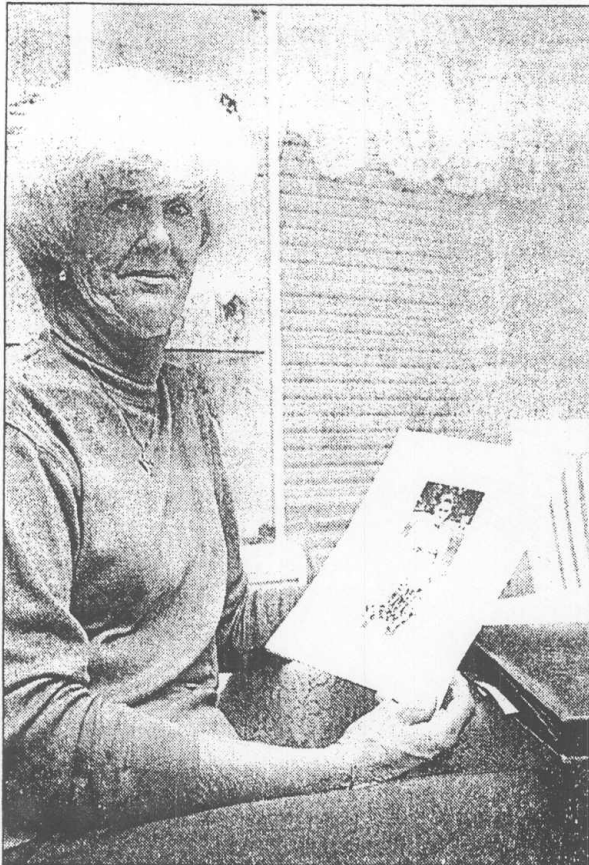


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*Eleanor Ruby Donovan disappeared
from Willowbrook State School in 1969, and her
family is still searching for an explanation*



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Veronica Peterson holds a photo of her younger sister, Eleanor Ruby Donovan.

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Does anyone know what happened to Eleanor Ruby Donovan?

Her family desperately wants word of the woman who disappeared from the grounds of the former Willowbrook State School 28 years ago.

The last time any family member saw the woman — who would now be 50 years old — was the end of a weekly visit.

Victoria Nasert, one of Eleanor's sisters, said she dropped her off at the institutional school for mentally retarded children and adults at 6 p.m. on July 23, 1969.

"I was supposed to pick her up the next weekend. It was her 22nd birthday," said Mrs. Nasert of Colorado Springs, Colo., who was then a Tottenville resident.

But the day before she was supposed to pick her up, Willowbrook authorities informed her that Eleanor had "wandered off

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