



## Mary "Mona" Reilly

August 3, 2021

Mary "Mona" (Smith) Reilly, 85, West Hartford, CT died peacefully at home on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, as a result of kidney disease. Mona was born on June 4, 1936 in Balbriggan, County Dublin, Ireland to her loving parents, Mary and Patrick Smith. Along with her parents, she is predeceased by her siblings, Thomas "Tommy", Patrick "Eamon," Patricia "Trushie," Catherine "Kitty," Elizabeth "Babby," and James "Jim" and is survived by her beloved sister Bridget "Olive" Marshall. Aside from Olive, she leaves her dear husband of 61 years, John Reilly, her adored son Edward Reilly and his wife JoAnne, her treasured daughter Veronica Maas and her husband Wayne, her treasured daughter Rosemary Buttigieg and her husband Kevin, and cherished grandchildren Ryan Maas, Patricia Maas, Catherine Righenzi and her husband Paul Righenzi, John Maas, Kyle Buttigieg, Conor Buttigieg, and Jack Buttigieg, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

After working at Smyth & Co. in Balbriggan, Mona emigrated to the United States in 1958. She worked at Franklin Simon & Co. in Manhattan and soon met her husband at a dance at City Center. They fell in love and married on December 26, 1959 and eventually moved to Long Island. When Mona's children were young, the phrase "stay-at-home-mom" didn't exist. It was the norm for the time but even by the standards of the day Mona was an exceptional wife and mother. After her husband's retirement they moved to West Hartford where they enjoyed the lifestyle that they had always dreamed of. Keeping and caring for her home were what made Mona happy. She spent many hours contemplating color schemes and decorating options; decorating and shopping were pure joy for her. She was most proud of her children and her seven grandchildren and recently was overjoyed to find out that she would soon become a great grandma. During the long and insulating days of COVID, her husband, her children, her grandchildren and long phone calls with her sister Olive were her lifeline. Mona will be remembered for her compassion, wisdom, strength, beauty, dignity, wit, and her dedicated love for her family. She will be deeply missed.

Please use this link for live streaming of the funeral mass

[https://youtu.be/fSOJi-Q\\_S3k](https://youtu.be/fSOJi-Q_S3k)

# Events

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**AUG** **Calling Hours** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Molloy Funeral Home

906 Farmington Ave, West Hartford, CT, US, 06119

**AUG** **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:00AM

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Church of St. Timothy

1116 North Main St, West Hartford, CT, US, 06117

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Molloy Funeral Home** - August 06, 2021 at 08:25 AM

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“ What a kind sweet person, always with a smile, always welcoming and supportive. I will miss my friend Mona. My deepest sympathy to John and the children and grandchildren.

**Suzanne Shay Travers** - August 10, 2021 at 04:13 PM

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“ God bless you Aunt Mona. Your kind humor will be missed.  
James and family

**James Reilly** - August 07, 2021 at 09:58 AM

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“ So many fond memories of Auntie Mona. Her hospitality was better than the Ritz. She loved her kids and grandkids and her husband John. I always remember Mona my petal for her good cooking skills, her wittiness, her amazing talent for always saying what she felt and that was her best trait. Loved her gentle and kind nature, she reminded me so much of my nana and I loved her so much. She was so easy to talk to, we had many walks around the neighbourhood and she knew all the neighbours and they certainly knew her as she was always greeted with a wave and a smile from everyone. I was so happy that I could make it back to America to celebrate Mona and Johns 50th Wedding anniversary, I remember her asking me to try on her wedding dress, sure it would not go up my leg she was tiny when she got married. I remember she gave us all Irish sayings to read out at the table, mine was " May the road rise up to meet you, May the wind be always on your back " - she loved her home country and she loved her family. She had a special bond with nana Kitty and I think that is why I have been so close to her too. Both myself and Alan will always remember how good both John and Mona were to us when we arrived to America. She opened her home to us, she fed us the best of food and we had plenty of laughs. John loved a beer or three out in the garage with Alan. Me and Mona would be cooking in the kitchen always chatting about nana back home or Ireland or just random stuff. I have so much more I can say but I will end it here by saying Mona My petal you were one in a million, Heaven will be blessed to have you and I know Nana Kitty will have the kettle on up there. An amazing lady, with a heart of love, gentle caring and so kind. Love you so much, love always your petal Diane  
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Diane Yeates - August 07, 2021 at 08:17 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary "Mona" Reilly.



August 06, 2021 at 11:45 AM

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“ Sandra, Loughshinny, Ireland purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary "Mona" Reilly.



Sandra, Loughshinny, Ireland - August 06, 2021 at 10:01 AM