



Maureen Dunn Fox

September 1, 1933 - March 29, 2019

Maureen Dunn Fox, 85, passed away peacefully on March 29, 2019 surrounded by her family at Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center. She was born in Hartford's South End on September 1, 1933. She graduated from Bulkeley High School in 1951 and went on to study Early Childhood Education at the University of Saint Joseph, receiving a Bachelor of Science in 1955 and a Distinguished Alumna Award in 1984. She taught elementary school as well as "English as a Second Language" and derived great joy from forming lasting bonds with her students. In August 1955, she caught the eye of Brendan Fox, M.D., who spotted her in the USJ yearbook and followed up with an invitation to a movie. Her mother made her accept. On May 1, 1957, Maureen made what she called the best decision of her life by marrying Brendan, her husband and best friend of nearly 62 years. Maureen and Brendan raised five beautiful children (including two sets of twins) and twelve wonderful grandchildren. Her family was by far her greatest source of pride and joy. She reveled in their accomplishments and especially enjoyed attending her grandchildren's athletic events, cheering them on from the sidelines.

A proud resident of Windsor, followed by Bloomfield and West Hartford (and a Sanibel, FL snowbird), Maureen also loved being a lifelong member of Black Point Beach Club in Niantic, CT. She welcomed countless family and friends into her Black Point home, built by her father when she was four years of age. She always enjoyed the opportunity to host a spontaneous gathering of family and friends for a dram of wine and spirited conversation. Bringing folks together was Maureen's special gift.

Maureen served on the Board of Governors at Black Point and was an active volunteer at Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center where she was a cabinet member on the Auxiliary and a regular behind the Gift Shop counter. She loved the UConn women's basketball team and looked forward to March Madness every year. She enjoyed the productions at the Goodspeed Opera House where she and Brendan enjoyed season membership for many years.

Maureen was predeceased by her mother, Loretta (Horan) Dunn; her father, Joe Dunn; her sister, Sheila Dunn; and her daughter-in-law, Karen Shopis-Fox. In addition to her husband, Brendan, she is survived by her children: Greg Fox and his fiancée Carolyn (Healey) Caldwell of Southport and Old Lyme; Cathleen (Fox) Laffin and her husband

Fran of West Hartford; Ellen (Fox) Spalluto and her husband Joe of West Hartford; Brendan Fox, Jr. and his wife Ellen (Rodgers) of West Hartford; Stephen Fox and his wife Fontayne (Rollins) of Wilmington, DE; and twelve grandchildren: Maureen, Carolyn, and Caitlin Spalluto; Michael, Matthew, and Stephen Laffin; Brendan, John, and Luke Fox; Meghan Fox; and Davitt and Ryan Fox.

Calling hours will be held from 4-8pm on Thursday, April 4, 2019 in the St. Peter Claver Parish Hall, 47 Pleasant St., West Hartford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11am on Friday, April 5, 2019 at St. Peter Claver Church. Please meet directly at the church.

Maureen's family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the medical/surgical staff at Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center for their incredible care in her last days. A special thanks to Dr. Rolf Knoll and Dr. Marlene Murphy-Setzko. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Maureen's name to either the Saint Francis Auxiliary or the Hope & Healing Campaign, 114 Woodland St., Hartford, CT 06105. Directions and online expressions of sympathy may be made at <http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com>.

Events

APR **Calling Hours** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Parish Center St. Peter Claver Church
47 Pleasant St, West Hartford, CT, US

APR **Mass of Christian Burial** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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St. Peter Claver Church
47 Pleasant St, West Hartford, CT, US

Comments



“ Dear Brendan,
I am very sorry to hear about Maureen's passing. How well I remember that beautiful and serene young woman from my Black Point days of so long ago. How heart warming to read of her beautiful family and many accomplishments.
I pray that the love of your family will sustain you at this most sad and difficult time, Brendan, and the spirit of the Risen Christ whom we will shortly celebrate at Easter Time Will give you comfort and hope.
With warm memories of you and Maureen, Brendan, I remain,
Michael E. Carey M.D.
New Orleans, LA

Michael E. Carey M. D. - April 09, 2019 at 12:50 AM



“ Warmest wishes and condolences to Brendan and the entire Fox family from the Mulready Family: Carole, Greg, Kristin, and Colin.

Kristin Mulready-Stone - April 06, 2019 at 04:59 PM



“ Cathleen, Ellen and Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. The loss of a loved one is never easy. Keep all your memories close to your heart. I wish you peace in the days ahead. With sincere sympathy. Love, Tracey (Young) Horner

Tracey Y Horner - April 06, 2019 at 04:08 PM



“ Dear Brendan and Brendan,Jr,

Very sad to hear the loss of Maureen. We were fortunate know her and marveled at her love and dedication to St Francis. Our heart and prayers go out to all of the family..

Tony and Maureen Campanelli

Tony Campanelli - April 06, 2019 at 12:18 PM



“ May memories of happy times with family and friends be your strength now and in the days ahead.
Fondly, Kate Murphy

Kate Murphy - April 04, 2019 at 11:07 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Maureen Dunn Fox.



April 04, 2019 at 09:00 PM



“ To Cathleen and the entire Fox/Laffin family, our sincere prayers and sympathies are with you. Tom & Marlene Drzata

Thomas A Drzata - April 04, 2019 at 04:07 PM



“ With sincere condolences and prayers for Dr Fox and your entire family. Maureen was such a graceful, kind, and loving woman. It was an honor and a pleasure to know her and to work with her for many years with St Francis Auxilliary and many other events. She will be missed tremendously, and she will always be in our hearts. I wish you all peace and strength.
With Love, Pam Broderick



pamela broderick - April 04, 2019 at 02:09 PM



“ My deepest condolences over the loss of your mother. I have fond memories of times spent on Robin Road and Sunnyfield Drive with your family. My mother, Doris Patti played bridge with her and I remember the ladies taking trips to Black Point to play. May you find peace in memories and support from the love of family and friends.
Donna (Patti) Fournier

Donna Fournier - April 04, 2019 at 10:29 AM



“ Dear Brendon and Family,
Your loss of Maureen diminishes all of us. Memories of many beautiful sunsets together.
The Hauser Family,DesMoines,Iowa

kay hauser - April 04, 2019 at 08:12 AM



“ With love and friendship, Renee & Don Polk purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Maureen Dunn Fox.



With love and friendship, Renee & Don Polk - April 03, 2019 at 08:23 PM



“ Dr.Fox &Family,

Our deepest condolences to you upon the passing of Maureen.
She was a lady with class and always treated me kindly.
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time.

Sincerely,
Mark&Angela Martel

Angela Martel - April 03, 2019 at 12:34 PM



“ On behalf of President and Head of School, Christian Cashman, I offer my deepest sympathy on the passing of Maureen Fox. Maureen, along with her husband Dr. Brendan Fox and her children and grandchildren, is a valued member of the Northwest Catholic community, so we mourn her loss along with all who love her. Please know that Maureen will forever be in our hearts and we will remember Maureen and her entire family in a special way at our next school-wide Mass. We are very sorry for your loss. ~ Jane Leary, Director of Constituent Relations, Northwest Catholic High School

Jane Leary - April 03, 2019 at 11:53 AM



“ Love, Chris and Eileen purchased the With Distinction for the family of Maureen Dunn Fox.



Eileen Dadlez - April 03, 2019 at 11:00 AM



“ With Love , The Richardson Family purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of Maureen Dunn Fox.



With Love , The Richardson Family - April 03, 2019 at 10:18 AM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maureen Dunn Fox.



April 03, 2019 at 07:07 AM



“ Dear Brendan and Family. We are so sorry to hear of Maureen’s death. She was a special person and we will miss her. We will be with you all in spirit!
Ed and Pat Zito and family

Pat Zito - April 02, 2019 at 11:41 PM



“ We were so very sorry to hear of the passing of Maureen Fox, and extend to Dr.Brendan Fox and the entire family our sincerest sympathy and prayers. We will truly be with you all in spirit during these days, and know that Maureen is in God's Arms, and that His Love will embrace and comfort each of you.
With affection, and many ongoing thoughts, Carmen and Maureen Finizio



Maureen Laffin-Finizio - April 02, 2019 at 08:41 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Maureen Dunn Fox.



April 02, 2019 at 08:18 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy Brendan to you and your family on the loss of your Mother. I have heard the following statement said many times, but it is so true: “When a Treasure becomes a Memory, a Memory becomes a TREASURE”.
Coy Angelo

Coy Angelo - April 02, 2019 at 04:27 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Maureen Dunn Fox.



April 02, 2019 at 11:30 AM



“ To all the Fox family,
I just found out about Maureen's passing. I am so very saddened for you all especially your dad, I know how much suffering there is when you lose a partner of so many years. I am sorry that I am still in Florida and unable to attend the services, but know that you are all in my heart! Margaret Pillion

marge pillion - April 02, 2019 at 11:10 AM



“ The Antonacci Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Maureen Dunn Fox.



The Antonacci Family - April 02, 2019 at 09:21 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to Brendan and the family on the loss of their beloved Maureen, She was a gracious and beautiful lady. I have many wonderful memories of Maureen which I will cherish. We will miss her.

Regina O'Connell

Regina O'Connell - April 02, 2019 at 08:56 AM



“ We were devastated to learn of Maureen's passing. We have shared so many wonderful, joyous and funny times together. She was one of those special and rare persons you meet in life and are forever grateful to have shared so many wonderful memories with. Our deepest sympathy to Brendan and the Fox children and grandchildren. Don and Murva Deneen

Donald and Murva Deneen - April 02, 2019 at 08:44 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Maureen Dunn Fox.



April 02, 2019 at 07:43 AM



“ To the family of Maureen Fox, So very sorry for your loss, Maureen was a special lady very kind and thoughtfull to all, always had a smile and a kind word, she will be missed.

My prayers and sympathy to you all. Fondly, Gert Conroy

Vert Conroy - April 01, 2019 at 08:54 PM



“ Maureen's warmth, sincerity, generosity and joyful spirit will always be with us, wherever we go. That is her continued gift to all of us who had the benefit of learning from her how to live life with grace and dignity, thanks to her gracious guidance in so many wonderful ways. Thank you, Maureen. We are all deeply and eternally indebted.

Jim Schepker - April 01, 2019 at 08:00 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maureen Dunn Fox.



April 01, 2019 at 04:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maureen Dunn Fox.



April 01, 2019 at 02:42 PM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Maureen Dunn Fox.



April 01, 2019 at 01:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maureen Dunn Fox.



April 01, 2019 at 11:15 AM