



## Brigitte Hold Slavin

February 3, 2023

SLAVIN, Brigitte. Brigitte Hold Slavin, 78, of West Hartford, CT, loving wife of Dr. James Slavin Jr., and beloved mother of Jim Slavin III (wife Kim), Peter Slavin (wife Nicole), Bill Slavin, and Mary Beth Reiss (husband John), died unexpectedly of a stroke on Friday (February 3, 2023) surrounded by her adoring family. Born in 1945, Brigitte was the cherished only child of the late Dr. Peter and Berti Hold, wonderful parents whom she loved dearly and enjoyed doting upon. She was born in the lakeside village of Mondsee, Austria, which was the picturesque setting for “The Sound of Music” and a place that always remained dear to her.

Brigitte spent her first five years in Steyr, Austria then five years in Montreal, Canada before moving to Milford, CT in 1955. There, she loved to waterski, sail, ride horses, and travel to Vermont to ski with her parents. She was a graduate of Laurelton Hall High School and Sacred Heart University and was an elementary school teacher thereafter. Brigitte met Jim Slavin, her husband of 54 years, at Yale Medical School in nearby New Haven. They married upon Jim’s return from Vietnam and soon began raising their family together- first in Bad Tolz, Germany on a U.S Army base, and then in Milford, Glastonbury and West Hartford, CT. Her love of being active continued throughout her entire life- she learned to surf in her 60s, swam regularly, skied extensively, exercised at the gym, and played pickleball until her last day. She passed this passion for activity to her children and taught all of them many of the skills she possessed.

Nothing made Brigitte happier than spending time with her family. Known as Mima to her eight grandchildren, she loved being surrounded by Will, Emily, Bridgette, Grace, Fiona, Rosemary, Jimmy, and Peter. She eagerly accepted the opportunity to babysit or to lavish the children with her love and attention. No matter what the family event- a birthday, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, or a Sunday dinner- Brigitte always made it special with a beautifully set table, carefully prepared meal and warm hospitality.

Brigitte's caring personality and gentle nature gained her many lifelong friends in Germany, Austria, Florida, and Connecticut. While we sometimes teased "Big Mama" for her humorous commentary, she had a heart of gold and never had an ill intent. Brigitte was a beautiful, classy, and kind woman, and will always be remembered as a gracious and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. We all love her greatly and were stunned by her sudden and premature passing.

Visitation will be held at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave, West Hartford, CT on Thursday, February 9 from 4-7 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated for Brigitte on Friday, February 10 at 10 a.m. at St. Timothy Roman Catholic Church, 1116 N Main St, West Hartford, CT, followed by a reception. For friends and family unable to attend in person, the Funeral Mass will be streamed live. Please visit [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com) streaming link and messages of remembrance and sympathy

STREAMIN LINK <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/9455439848>

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home  
906 Farmington Avenue  
West Hartford, CT 06119  
(860) 232-1322

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy  
1116 North Main St  
West Hartford, CT 06117  
(860) 233-5131

# Tribute Wall

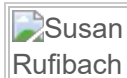


“ *Molloy Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Brigitte Hold Slavin*



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**Molloy Funeral Home** - February 06, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ *I met Brigitte through a mutual friend at Point Brittany. Although our times shared were brief, Brigitte made such a lasting impression. She was such a gentle and classy woman. You felt like she was a good friend from the moment we met. I know she will be greatly missed by so many. My deepest, most heartfelt condolences go out to her entire family. Susan Rufibach*

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**Susan Rufibach** - February 14, 2023 at 06:56 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Brigitte Hold Slavin.*



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February 10, 2023 at 02:31 PM

CC

“ Don and I were devastated to hear of Brigitte's passing. She was a wonderful friend and neighbor to us for the past 12 years at Point Brittany. We were fortunate to know and love her. We just streamed her Mass and hearing the tributes from her family not only brought more tears but gave us a sense of peace knowing how much she truly loved life and each and every one of you. She always had stories to share and her face lite up whenever she spoke of each of you. She will be missed but we also know she will forever embrace you all. She is a special angel and will watch over her loving family. Much love to you all, Chickie and Don Cummings

Chickie and Don Cummings - February 10, 2023 at 11:53 AM

CS

“ What a super lady with infectious energy and tons of love to share always! Our prayers are with Dr Slavin, Mary Beth & John, their daughters and all of the Slavins. Looking forward to watching from Virginia the service celebrating her amazing life. -Cathy & CC Sloan

Cathy & CC Sloan - February 09, 2023 at 03:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brigitte Hold Slavin.



February 08, 2023 at 08:30 PM

FM

“ *From Ulli and Mike purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Brigitte Hold Slavin.*



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**From Ulli and Mike** - February 08, 2023 at 05:54 PM

DH

“ *1 file added to the album Cousins*



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**Dr. Michael Hold** - February 08, 2023 at 05:42 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Brigitte Hold Slavin.*



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February 08, 2023 at 01:39 PM

BA

“ *Bill, Freddie, Max, Roisin, and Aine purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Brigitte Hold Slavin.*



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**Bill, Freddie, Max, Roisin, and Aine** - February 08, 2023 at 01:36 PM

HK

“ On behalf of the Kerrigan family, our thoughts and prayers are with the Slavin family



Hugh Kerrigan - February 08, 2023 at 01:32 PM

LV

“ Billy and Family, so very sorry for the loss of your Mom, You are in my thoughts and prayers.



Linda Vereneau - February 08, 2023 at 02:30 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Brigitte Hold Slavin.



February 07, 2023 at 08:55 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Brigitte Hold Slavin.



February 07, 2023 at 08:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brigitte Hold Slavin.*



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February 07, 2023 at 08:08 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Brigitte Hold Slavin.*



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February 07, 2023 at 08:06 PM



“ *Tuesday and Friday night hockey purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Brigitte Hold Slavin.*



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**Tuesday and Friday night hockey** - February 07, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brigitte Hold Slavin.*



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February 07, 2023 at 02:06 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Brigitte Hold Slavin.*



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February 07, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brigitte Hold Slavin.*



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February 07, 2023 at 09:31 AM



“ *Please accept my sympathy. May happy memories of Ms Brigitte comfort her family during this sad time.*

*Phi Thanh Tu - SBD colleague.*

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**Phi Thanh Tu** - February 07, 2023 at 04:06 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Brigitte Hold Slavin.*



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February 06, 2023 at 10:37 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Brigitte Hold Slavin.*



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February 06, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Brigitte and I shared a deep and happy friendship at Point Brittany. We loved to swim together, laugh endlessly, and talk about the beauty of Shakespeare's writing. Brigitte particularly loved a certain style within my own poetry. I chose to create SWEET ANGEL'S GLOW to honor her, in that very style she so adored. I sent it out with a card to her family today. It should reach them later this week. I am devastated by this loss. Brigitte shined brightly in life, and shall ever more in heaven.*

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**Dr. Georgie Ann Weatherby** - February 06, 2023 at 08:39 PM



*P.S.: Brigitte knew me as "Georgie," which is my first name -- my post came through here as "Ann," only my middle name. This would make her giggle.*

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**Georgie Ann Weatherby** - February 06, 2023 at 08:44 PM



*Thank you so very much for your kind words and poem Georgie, I look forward to reading it when it arrives. My mom loved all of you down in Point Brittany. She will be missed.  
Thank you again,  
Jim Slavin*

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**Jim S** - February 08, 2023 at 06:47 AM

GW

*Sending a world full of love your way... Mary and I (of Point Brittany) are sending a special pastel pink and white rose with baby's breath bouquet for the Thursday visitation and Friday Funeral Mass, which we shall attend online. Peace & heartfelt prayers, Georgie*

**Georgie Ann Weatherby** - February 08, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Brigitte Hold Slavin.*



February 06, 2023 at 08:17 PM

KB

“ *I'm so devastated by this news. Mrs Slavin ( to me ) was an amazing friend to my Mom and wonderful friend to me and my family during Moms illness and passing. I'm so happy she connected with my daughter Kelly  
In Tampa - she was so sweet to take Kelly and her roomie to lunch near USF, connect and be a source of positivity to the girls. I'm so happy she visited w Dad and visit Moms place of rest but so sad we never got the chance to reconnect face to face in St Pete's - it was in the plans for this year. I've loved all of my conversations with her hearing about your family and will miss her. I'm sure Mom is happy To be able to be with her beautiful friend again and I know they will take care of each other xoxoxo. I'm so sorry for your huge loss*



**kerri Tortora Baker** - February 06, 2023 at 07:22 PM

SG

*I am so very sorry to hear about Mrs. Slavin's passing! She was such a warm and caring person and her big smile always made me feel welcome. She was such a big part of my childhood, and I know how special she was! I will be thinking of all of you and will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers. Xoxo Sandi (Everard) Goss*

**sandi goss** - February 06, 2023 at 10:51 PM

JK

“ *John and Pam Kavanagh purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Brigitte Hold Slavin.*



**John and Pam Kavanagh** - February 06, 2023 at 05:32 PM

MX

“ *Much love and hugs Steve and Anne xx purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Brigitte Hold Slavin.*



**Much love and hugs Steve and Anne xx** - February 06, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brigitte Hold Slavin.*



February 06, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Brigitte Hold Slavin.*



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February 06, 2023 at 12:40 PM



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February 06, 2023 at 11:13 AM