



Claire B. Hungerford

February 1, 1930 - September 28, 2007

Hungerford, Claire Bolan

Claire Bolan Hungerford, 77 of West Hartford, beloved wife of 56 years to Kenneth O. Hungerford died peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Friday September 28, 2007 after a very long and debilitating struggle with Alzheimer's disease. She was born February 1, 1930 in Hartford and was the daughter of the late James and Minnie Hoffereth Bolan. She was predeceased by her brother Robert Bolan. She is a 1949 graduate of Hall High School, West Hartford and attended St. Joseph College, West Hartford. Claire married her high school sweetheart, Ken on September 22, 1951. Claire worked at the Aetna Life and Casualty Company from 1951-1955. After raising eight children, Claire returned to work for the Town of West Hartford as a crossing guard in 1975. Claire received a commendation in May of 1991 from the West Hartford Police Department for saving two children at her crossing guard post by pushing them out of the way of a speeding car. She kept this position until she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 1994. Besides her husband, Claire leaves her children: Gail Gavalis and husband Jerry of Gastonia, N.C.; Laura Hungerford of New London, CT; Joyce Halkin and husband Ken of Amesbury, MA; Karen Bemis and husband Mark of West Hartford, CT; Nancy Jensen and husband Kristian of Farmington, CT; Holly Martino and husband Stephen of Plainville, CT; Jim Hungerford and wife Susan of West Hartford, CT; Andrea Hungerford of West Hartford, CT. Claire also leaves 14 grandchildren who were her pride and joy: Garrett and Travis

Gavalis; Tom and Katharine Halkin; Jennifer and Heather Bemis; Kelly and Susan Jensen, Alyssa, Carly and Stephanie Martino; Cierra and Drew Hungerford; Amanda Hungerford. Claire will be remembered for her incredible sense of humor and the smile she had for everyone she knew and loved. Her home was always open to all, especially her children's friends. Her happiest days were those spent with family and friends at the many numerous sporting events, dances, and celebrations that occurred each year. She especially loved to attend her children & grandchildren's activities and will always be remembered as their number one Cheerleader. The family wishes to express their gratitude to the St. Mary's Home Administration, Callahan Crossing Staff and the Staff of One West for their loving care during the 10 years Claire was a resident. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Claire's memory can be made to the CT Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association 279 New Britain Road, Kensington, CT 06037 or to St. Mary's Home, 2021 Albany Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117. Calling hours will be Tuesday, October 2, 2007 from 4-8 PM at Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford. Friends are invited to join Claire's family at the celebration of her Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. in St, Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave. West Hartford on Wednesday October 3, 2007. Online messages of remembrance and sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Mom,
Happy Mother's day. It was so hard to say goodbye to you, but you remain forever in our hearts. We miss you so so much.
We love you,
Andrea & Amanda###imported-begin###Andrea & Amanda
Hungerford###imported-end##

May 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I had the privilege of getting to know Claire Hungerford in the mid 70?s, when the Hungerford children attended my basketball camp at Kingswood-Oxford. Over the years, I became friendly with Claire and her fine family. Claire was a wonderful mother and a highly effective advocate for youth sports. I greatly admired her.

Daniel E. Doyle, Jr.###imported-begin###Dan Doyle###imported-end##

October 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I COACHED WITH CLAIRE'S HUSBAND KEN FOR ALMOST 20 OR SOME YEARS. EVERY TIME I CAME TO THE HOUSE, THERE WAS HER FRIENDLY FACE WELCOMING ME. SHE WAS A WONDERFUL PERSON AND WILL SORELY BE MISSED.REST IN PEACE AND I WILL THINK OF YOU ALWAYS.###imported-begin###MALCOLM CASWAY###imported-end##

October 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mr.Hungerford and Family. I send my deepest condolences to you. I am out of town in Stamford, CT on business and will not return until Friday, Mrs.H was the best the afternoon pool swims with my mom. Guthries always beating KofC and of course graduating Conard with Andrea I saw a lot of her at all of our games. It was a pleasure and honor. Never ever will a fan be dedicated as much as Mrs.H to BIG RED!!!!!! Sincerly Mike Calabrese##imported-begin##Michael P Calabrese CAL##imported-end##

October 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Ken and family,
We are so saddened by Claires death. I wish we could be with you but it just didn't work out. You are all in our prayers.
Love, The Lynch family##imported-begin##Dick and Joan Lynch##imported-end##

October 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Please accept my deepest condolences. I remember what a great teacher and supporter Claire was while I was on the K of C baseball team....

Sincerely,

Mark A. Casway##imported-begin##Mark A. Casway##imported-end##

October 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ As a retired Sedgwick teacher, I have many fond memories of Claire and her wonderful family. Claire was a very special, caring lady, and I am fortunate to have known her.

My thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Bill Mollineaux##imported-end##

October 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ What a sad time. We will always remember Claire at all our childrens sporting events cheering them on with all that bundle of energy she expressed in everything she did.

Whenever you met her she would comment on what your child had done in the last game, and always looking forward to the next game.

Claire certainly played the game of Life in a brave and courageous manner. May God watch over ken and his beautiful family and, let them all remember the good times.##imported-begin##THE CALABRESE FAMILY##imported-end##

October 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Kris and I want share our deepest sympathies with everyone. Claire was a very special person who was always upbeat and caring. Kris and I had a wonderful relationship with Ken and Claire for many years and those memories will always be remembered. We are unable to attend due to Rich's recent surgeries and limited travel abilities. But you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love Rich and Kris##imported-begin##Rich & Kris Moyle##imported-end##

October 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ We wish to extend our sincere condolences to the Hungerford family. We have many fond memories of Claire as she cheered on hundreds of little K of C baseball players over the years.

*In sympathy,
Julie and Domenic Rosa##imported-begin##Julia and Domenic Rosa##imported-end##*

October 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Ken and family,

Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We pray for you all, during this difficult time.

*With Love,
Bob & Ceil Martino##imported-begin##Ceil & Bob Martino##imported-end##*

September 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember sweet and pretty Claire from Seymour, Sedgwick and Hall High Schools. What a lucky family the Hungerfords are to have had such a wife and mother and grandmother. She wrote in my HS Yearbook, "remember the leaky station wagon" I don't, but I'll always remember her. A light has gone out here but a new one shines somewhere else.##imported-begin##Robert W. Ginn##imported-end##

September 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Our condolence to your family on this sad occasion, Claire was a neighbor, true friend and a wonderful person. I was with her during the Hartford circus fire, even then, Claire was always looking out for others!
She will be missed Dearly!##imported-begin##Mary lou Pepper##imported-end##

September 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I heard with sorrow about Claires passing. I can appreciate what you went through. My best wishes.
Dave##imported-begin##David Unsworth##imported-end##

September 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Our sincere sympathy to Claire's family at this very sad time. She crossed our 3 children on their way to and from Duffy School for years! We always looked forward to her friendly smile each day!
With sympathy, The Adams family##imported-begin##Jill and Cecil Adams##imported-end##

September 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM