



## Daniel E. Lynch Sr

July 9, 2024

Daniel E. Lynch, formerly of West Hartford and Old Lyme, and loving husband of Alice (Walsh) Lynch for 69 years, passed away peacefully on July 10, 2024. Dan was born in Hartford, Connecticut on July 7, 1933, the youngest of three sons to Margaret (Shea) and William Lynch. He was educated locally and attended Providence College. He graduated in 1955 with a BS in Accounting and was a member of the National Catholic Honor Society and Delta Epsilon Sigma. Some of the highlights of his college career include being Junior Class President, the President of the Hartford and Friars Clubs and being a pitcher and Captain for the baseball team. Dan was also elected by his classmates as 'Senior of the Year'.

Following Providence, he continued his studies at UCONN Law school and after graduation he worked as a District Attorney for the State of Connecticut and became chief prosecutor before leaving to enter private practice. All along, he never lost sight of his humble beginnings and always focused on helping those less fortunate.

He will be remembered for his unwavering commitment to serving others and making a positive impact in his community whether it was volunteering his time for the Catholic Family Services and Oakhill School for The Blind or serving on the West Hartford Board of Education. His kindness, generosity and his legacy of community service and compassion for others will live on in the hearts of all who knew him and the lives he touched.

He practiced law for more than 30 years and would always say his most

memorable years as a lawyer were towards the end of his career when he practiced law with his sons, Danny and Kevin. When in private practice, he never lost his sense of helping others and would often come home with a car full of pastries, vegetables, or candies when his clients could not afford to pay him for his services. Dan was a man of integrity, hard work and compassion and while he was a lawyer by trade, he was quick with advice or support for anyone who needed it.

Dan was a true family man and met and married the love of his life Alice, after meeting her at a neighborhood get together in high school. He and Alice raised four wonderful children. Dan was known for his captivating storytelling abilities and especially his bedtime stories that were cliffhangers about Black Bart and Cowboy Kevin that brought joy, wonder and excitement to his children. The family spent their early summers on Cedar Island in Clinton with extended family boating and swimming. Later years were spent at Old Lyme Shores where “The Mayor” would proudly sit on his porch engaging in pleasantries with each and every person walking by the house and taking immeasurable pride in his grandchildren as they participated in the annual July 4th bike parade.

He will be remembered for his unconditional love and unwavering support for his children and grandchildren. His greatest joy in life was watching them all grow and succeed, and he took immense pride in all of their accomplishments, no matter how big or small. He was their biggest cheerleader, their guiding light and their rock through all the ups and downs of life. He was a pillar of strength and a source of endless support, always there to provide his guidance, encouragement and love through a heartfelt conversation or a simple handwritten note.

He was a loving husband and father, a man of faith dedicated to his family and always ready to share his wisdom and knowledge with those around him. His warmth and kindness touched the lives of many, and he enjoyed the simple pleasures in life—breakfast with his family after church on Sunday, watching Red Sox and Celtics games, winter getaways in Stowe Vermont and taking

car rides and having lunches with Alice, Paul, and Mary. He loved to tell stories and make people laugh.

He will be remembered for his bright blue eyes that sparkled with kindness and which could light up a room. His warm and infectious smile and contagious laughter brought comfort, joy and happiness to all who knew him, and his generous, fun-loving spirit touched the lives of so many.

Dan is predeceased by his beloved sons and law partners, Danny Lynch and Kevin Lynch, with whom he is with once again. He is also predeceased by his brother William Lynch.

In addition to his wife Alice and brother Robert Lynch, Dan is survived by his daughter Susan Galeota, her fiancé Michael Giliberto and granddaughters Caroline Galeota and her fiancé Luke Zappia and Kelly Galeota; his daughter Dr. Patricia Fagan, her husband Christopher Fagan and grandchildren Katherine and Brendan; and his daughter in law Amy Lynch and grandchildren Daniel and his wife Andrea, Casey, Amy along with his great grandson Daniel. Lastly, the family would like to specifically express its deepest gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Angela Petronio for her years of providing compassionate home care to Dan and ensuring his comfort and well being. Her role in caring for Dan will not be forgotten.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday July 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant Street, West Hartford. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Dan's name may be made to The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105 or at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)

For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit: <https://www.molloyfuneralhome.com>

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.  
West Hartford, CT

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Claver Church  
47 Pleasant St  
West Hartford, CT 06107-1600  
(860) 561-4235

# Tribute Wall

EE

“ Dear Patty, Susan & Mrs. Lynch,

*I am so sad to learn of your Dad's passing. I have such fond memories of how fun he was to be around. He always seemed to enjoy making everyone around him happy and laughing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*With love,  
Erin (O'Brien) Earley*

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**Erin Earley** - July 17, 2024 at 12:00 PM

JC

“ *I have many happy memories of Dan at family gatherings, and even more memories of stories from my father, his first cousin, Dick Carpenter. They were the same age and spent a great deal of time together growing up. Please know that all the Carpenters are thinking of you, and remembering Dan.*

*John Carpenter*

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**John Carpenter** - July 16, 2024 at 12:04 PM

DZ

“ With our deepest sympathy,

*Uncle Dan will forever hold a special place in our hearts. His smile, loving nature, and wonderful sense of humor always reassured us and made us feel cherished. We are eternally grateful for the times we shared.*

*Sending all our love to you during this time.*

*Jim, Mary, Theresa & family and Deborah & family*

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**Deborah Walsh Zafiropoulos** - July 13, 2024 at 10:45 PM

DM

“ *Danny and Alice were great friends of my parents in the 50's, and so became my godparents in 1956. My dad passed away in 1958 and they lost touch. When I was reunited with them Danny would tell me the best stories about my dad and him - for this I will always be grateful❤️he was a special man, may he rest in peace. With loving thoughts and prayers for you all, Diane Magnuson*

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**diane magnuson** - July 13, 2024 at 07:09 AM

NS

*Dear Mrs. Lynch and Family: I was a young police officer in Hartford when Dan was a relatively new prosecutor in the old Hartford Police Court, now GA14. He was always available to advise and encourage young officers. He had a very supportive manner and a great Irish sense of humor. May this good and decent man Rest In Peace and may fond memories comfort you.*

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**Neil Sullivan** - July 13, 2024 at 09:56 AM

MF

“ *Mr. Lynch was such a wonderful man. I couldn't walk by the cottage in OLS without him saying hello. I had many great conversations with him on their front porch while visiting with Sue. His kindness, sense of humor and willingness to help others will never be forgotten.*

*Sue, I am sorry for your loss and know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Mary- Beth Fairchild** - July 13, 2024 at 06:10 AM