



## Donald F. Fenton

April 25, 2017

Donald Francis Fenton, aged 81, of West Hartford, passed away Tuesday, April 25, 2017, after a brief illness at home surrounded by his family. Born in Bloomfield, Don was the son of Thomas and Mary (Macgillycuddy) Fenton, both of Waterville, County Kerry, Ireland.

Don attended Bloomfield schools, graduated from the University of Connecticut with a bachelor of arts degree in history and English, and was commissioned as an infantry officer in the U.S. Army. He often said that the Army was the best job he ever had, and he loved serving his country. Don was an airborne Ranger, served in Panama and Vietnam, and earned several commendations for valor, including the Silver Star for gallantry in action, the Bronze Star and two Army commendations. After retiring as a major, Don joined Heublein Corporation where he served as vice president of human resources. Don later operated DF Fenton Associates, an executive search firm, until retirement. Late in his life, Don returned to academics, earning both a Master of Arts in American history from Trinity College and Juris Doctor from the UConn School of Law where, at 78, he was the oldest graduate in the school's history. Don also volunteered every Thursday for ten years as on-air voice for the blind at CT Radio Information System (CRIS.)

Don is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Joanne McCourt Fenton, daughters Mary Kay Fenton and her husband Thomas Menner of West Hartford, Maureen Fenton of West Hartford, and Donna Fenton Aquino and her husband Anthony Aquino of Potomac, M.D., and son James M. Fenton

and his wife Rachel Fenton of Washington, D.C. He is also survived by siblings Mary Losty of Enfield, Kathleen Fenton of Windsor Locks and Thomas Fenton of San Jose, CA. He is beloved by his grandchildren, MaryGrace and Molly Menner, Thomas, Lilly, Katherine and Olivia Aquino, and Clare and Maisie Fenton. He also leaves dear family members James and Mariette McCourt, John and Susan Mulcahy, John G. Mele, as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be Sunday, April 30, from 3pm to 6pm at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford. A Mass of Christian burial will be held Monday, May 1 at 10am at St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church, 265 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in Don's name to Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Ave. West Hartford, CT 06107, or St. Patrick-St. Anthony Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry, at the same address as Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Saint Benedict

1 Cottage Grove Road  
Bloomfield, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

APR 30. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick St. Anthony Church  
285 Church Street  
Hartford, CT

# Tribute Wall



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Donald F. Fenton.*



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April 29, 2017 at 10:44 AM



“ *Your PwC audit team - Tina and Frank purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald F. Fenton.*



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**Your PwC audit team - Tina and Frank** - April 28, 2017 at 11:57 AM



“ *Dear Fenton family:*

*I wish to convey my sincerest condolences to your entire family. Losing a loved one in death is one of the hardest things that anyone will ever have to deal with. There is a great hope held out to us for the future because God promises to bring those we lost back to life by means of a resurrection to a paradise earth, where sickness and death will be no more. I hope this brief message will bring you a measure of comfort in this difficult time.*

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**Johnson family** - April 28, 2017 at 06:49 AM

RP

“ Ross and Mary Post purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald F. Fenton.



Ross and Mary Post - April 27, 2017 at 08:58 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald F. Fenton.



April 27, 2017 at 07:07 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Donald F. Fenton.



April 27, 2017 at 03:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald F. Fenton.



April 27, 2017 at 02:51 PM

MD

“ I remember the first time I met Mr. Fenton. It was the day they brought Mary Kay to Holy Cross College. That was the beginning of a lovely 30 year relationship. My Dad was also the son of Irish immigrants, so there was much in common, and both sets of parents I think were happy about the roommate situation for their daughters.

*It was the beginning of a lovely 35-year relationship. Every time I saw Mr. Fenton, he always asked about my family. Just last summer at Molly's graduation party, I had the pleasure of discussing the current political situation with him and we had a wonderful, invigorating conversation. He knew if my Dad was still around what he would have said, and it was so nice to be reminded of that.*

*Mr. Fenton always, always made me feel like he was proud of my accomplishments and I appreciated his sincerity and kindness. I will truly miss him.*

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**Mary Donohue** - April 27, 2017 at 01:39 PM