



## Eileen R Connolly

October 17, 2014

Eileen Rachael (McLaughlin) Connolly, 79, passed peacefully at home surrounded by her family, who loved her very much. She was born February 22, 1935 in Lowell, MA and grew up in Clinton, MA. She studied pharmacology at Mass. College of Pharmacy, and attended Clark University in Worcester, MA. She lost both her parents when she was just 19 years old, and assumed responsibility as the head of her family. Eileen met Walter Bradley Connolly of Woodside, NY at the Officer's Club in Fort Devens, MA. They married on February 7, 1959, and moved from New York to West Hartford in 1965. She was a devoted wife, a loving and supportive mother; an inspired counselor and motivator to the many individuals she cared for; and a thoughtful and dedicated friend to many. Eileen was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church where she actively participated in numerous church and school fundraisers and events. She was a giver and a doer and will long be remembered for her positive energy and kindness. Everyone was welcome and treated like family in her home where she was famous for her open houses and mountains of potato salad. Eileen managed an extended-family structure that helped women adjust to living independently, from 1967 until she retired in 2007. During those years, she helped hundreds of women develop the skills and confidence to live productive and fulfilling lives. Eileen and Brad then moved to Farmington, joined St. Patrick Church, and became members of the Wood Pond Beach Association where they enjoyed regular trips to the beach with their grandchildren. They also enjoyed babysitting,

overnight stays and weekend getaways with the grand kids. Eileen and Brad traveled extensively together, taking five cruises over the last few years. Throughout her life, she was sustained by her strong faith in God and in prayer, often calling on St. Jude to intercede in making the impossible - possible. She is survived by her loving husband, Brad, four children and their spouses: Brian and Denise Connolly, Maureen Connolly, Terence and Janet Connolly, and Jon and Kathleen (Connolly) Cameron; eight grandchildren: Caitlin and Shannon Connolly, Bradley, Sean and Brianna Connolly, and Christi, Mitchell and Kimberly Cameron; two sisters-in-law, Theresa McLaughlin and Carole McLaughlin; and numerous nieces and nephews: Theresa, Kathleen and Daniel McLaughlin, Tommy, Patricia, Matthew, Mark and Laura McLaughlin, and Elizabeth (Speranzella), Paula and Marty Reisner, as well as many maternal cousins. She is predeceased by her two brothers, Daniel and Thomas McLaughlin, her sister Julianne (McLaughlin) Reisner, and her brother-in-law, Harold Reisner, and her maternal aunts and uncles in Westfield, MA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday (Oct 20) at 10:00 a.m. at St. Patrick Church, 110 Main St., Farmington. Calling hours are Sunday from 3-7 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Donations in her memory can be made to Masonicare Hospice, 111 Founders Plaza, Suite 200, East Hartford, CT 06108. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

OCT **19**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Church  
110 Main Street  
Farmington, CT

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ We were deeply saddened to hear of your loss. What a wonderful, caring, lovely woman.

*Her smile, that fabulous smile, always conveyed warmth, charm, confidence, and goodness.*

*May perpetual light shine upon her.*

*Elizbieta and Charlie Basil*

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**Charles F. Basil** - October 19, 2014 at 10:24 AM

BC

“ Heaven now has an Angel that that can get things organized and will be there to greet us!

*Our love to all of the family,  
Jack and Barbara Cameron*

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**Barbara Cameron** - October 18, 2014 at 09:13 PM

BK

“ Brad and family,  
Susan and I are out of the country, but comcast forwarded your message. So sorry to here of Eileen's passing. She was one of the finest people I've ever encountered. Our hearts go out to you at this sorrowful time.

*Bill Kelly*

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**Bill Kelly** - October 18, 2014 at 03:46 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Eileen R Connolly.*



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October 18, 2014 at 03:01 PM



“ *I send my very deepest condolences to your wonderful family on the loss of this fine woman. Barry Leeds*

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**Barry Leeds** - October 18, 2014 at 02:51 PM

GO

“ Dear Brian,

*I am very sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a wonderful woman who touched so many lives and her spirit and goodness shall remain with you always. It is time to truly celebrate her incredible life and from this day forward, the stars will forever shine brighter!*

*I hope that countless memories of love & laughter will carry you and your family through this very difficult time. I also hope that this poem will offer some comfort.*

*Sincerely,  
Greg*

*Softly Sprinkled Rain  
By Greg O'Brien*

*A flower closes  
as it dances on a twilight breeze  
the clouds float by  
as the sun says goodnight  
and nothing seems changed  
as the glow fades from sight  
But this day is different  
because of one silenced voice  
a loved one has left us  
and we're faced with a choice  
Do we renew our faith  
and be thankful for time  
or simply grieve with questions  
and look for a sign  
For it can be easy to show anger  
or perhaps to feel blame  
but instead simply remember  
as you whisper their name*

*Strive to remember the joy  
of the laughter once shared  
and to make them a promise  
that they'll always be here  
That you will include them in thought  
as each new day dawns  
whispering their name softly  
as each day rolls on  
For they will surely return this favor  
as they help ease your pain  
by opening flowers with gentle breezes  
and softly sprinkled rain*



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**Greg O'Brien** - October 18, 2014 at 02:43 PM

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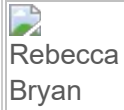
“ *We will always remember Eileen's keen Irish wit, generosity, and thoughtfulness. She was a friend in the true sense of the word, someone whose many offerings--gifts, recipes, toys, advice, memories, laughter, came from her heart and brought joy into our lives over many years.*

*We offer our sympathy to Brad, Maureen, Kate, Brian, and Terence and their wonderful families.*

*Denise and Kevin Lynch*

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**Denise E. Lynch** - October 18, 2014 at 12:42 PM



Rebecca Bryan

“ *Eileen was such a loving person. Her warm welcome and open heart were always there. A wonderful woman, friend and neighbor. With sympathy to Brad and her entire family. Love, Rebecca, Bart, Ginger and Jacob*

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**Rebecca Bryan** - October 18, 2014 at 10:17 AM

RB

“ *Rebecca Bryan purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum for the family of Eileen R Connolly.*



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**Rebecca Bryan** - October 18, 2014 at 10:13 AM

JF

“ *Janine, Ann & Family purchased the Beautiful in  
Blue for the family of Eileen R Connolly.*



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**Janine, Ann & Family** - October 18, 2014 at 07:25 AM

DM

“ *So sorry to hear of my aunt Eileen's passing. She's had a long road to get there, but hopefully she's at peace with her brothers and sister. Our love to the family and friends. Dan & Cathy McLaughlin*

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**Dan & Cathy McLaughlin** - October 17, 2014 at 04:33 PM

TW

*Maureen and Brian,  
Our prayers and thoughts are with your entire family during this difficult time. Through all of you she has built an incredible legacy to carry on all that goodness she so graciously shared. Continue to make her proud. Much love, Tizz and Dana Weber*

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**Tizz Weber** - October 18, 2014 at 09:36 PM