



## Ella Mae Shepherd

July 18, 2019

Ella Mae Shepherd, 88, of West Hartford, passed away peacefully at home on July 18, 2019 with family by her side. Ella Mae was a devoted, Wife, Mother, and Grandmother. She walked through life with an unwavering faith that love and kindness were the appropriate response to all she encountered. She was loving and gracious, strong and brave, always with faith as her guide. She had a style and elegance that defined her every move. She was joyful and loved to sing. Her songs filled our mornings with sweet sound. She was a friend to everyman and had a profound impact on everyone she met. She was a brilliant teacher both in and out of the classroom. She loved nature and gardening, she loved to read, write poetry, listen to Opera and loved movies. Above all she loved children, she had a magical way of making each child feel loved and special. Her husband, John, was the love of her life and they worked side by side for more than 60 years.

She was born on June 3, 1931 in Pittsburgh, PA. He attended Scott Township High School in Scott Township, PA, she attended Capital University of Columbus OH: class of 1952. She taught at the Howe School in Mount Lebanon. PA. She studied at the New York Botanical Garden, Hartford College for Women, and the University of Pittsburg where she met her husband.

Ella Mae leaves behind 10 children: John, Jr. (Susan Delaney), Leslie (Stuart

Frank), David, William (Theresa Lester), Susan, Michael (Dana Baltauskas), Thomas (Katalin Vismeg), Daniel, Kathleen (Thomas Hansen) and James: 23 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren and many friends and a large extended family.

Calling hours will be on Friday, July 26, 2019 from 11 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford followed by a 2:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.  
West Hartford, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUL 26. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 26. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle  
872 Farmington Ave.  
West Hartford, CT  
(860) 233-8269

# Tribute Wall



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Ella Mae Shepherd.*



July 25, 2019 at 10:43 AM



“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. We were so blessed to spend time with Aunt Ella Mae at Uncle Jack's funeral. Loved hearing her sing with Aunt Sue. Her love of life was infectious. We know she and Peggy are reminiscing in heaven. Love, Paul and Sue*

**Sue Curry** - July 25, 2019 at 08:21 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ella Mae Shepherd.*



July 24, 2019 at 01:11 PM



“ *To Susan and Bill,  
I'm sorry to read of your Mother's passing. May thoughts of all the good times you had with her, get you through this difficult time.  
Hang in there.  
Jamie Ricketson*

**Jamie Ricketson** - July 24, 2019 at 08:39 AM

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“ *My condolences to the whole family. With 10 children it could be my mothers obituary. You will be so sad p, but thankfully you will have your memories and our prayers for her and the family. Rosemary and Don Stein.*



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