



Eve Silvester

February 4, 2021

Eve R. (Raimondi) Silvester, 99, of West Hartford and Groton Long Point, passed away at home surrounded by her loving family on February 4, 2021. She was born on October 17, 1921 in Hartford to Angelo and Josephine Raimondi. Eve was predeceased by her husband, George A. Silvester as well as her three brothers, Thomas, Adam and William Raimondi.

She was a graduate of Weaver High School class of 1939 and of Teachers College of Connecticut class of 1943. She was a fourth-grade teacher at the Arsenal school in Hartford, the same school she attended as a child. While a teacher at the Arsenal School, Eve worked to establish the school library and volunteered as an adult literacy instructor. She also assisted in establishing the Hartford Federation of Teachers where she was a founding member. Over the years Eve was active in many civic organizations including the Mark Twain House, the Connecticut Opera Guild and Friends of Elizabeth Park where she was a founding member. She was also deeply involved with Boys' Town of Italy for many years, which today provides a home to children from over 20 different countries escaping violence, poverty and injustice. Eve was a personal acquaintance of founder Monsignor Carrol Abbing and, together with her close friend Tina Lorenzo, led fundraising efforts that made the Connecticut chapter one of the most successful in the country. Their decades of work supporting Boys' and Girls' Towns of Italy earned them a personal audience with Pope Paul VI.

Eve was a terrific bridge player, frequently organizing tournaments at her

home in Hartford. She was a creative and wonderful cook, often hosting large and lively dinner parties for family and friends.

Eve married George, the love of her life, in 1947 and together they raised six children, all of whom survive her. They are a son, Mark S. Silvester and wife, Jan Hoerrner of Noank and New York City, a daughter, Lisa A. Silvestri and husband, Peter Hirschl of West Hartford, a daughter, Gina M. Silvester and husband, Ron Banks of New York City, a daughter, Eve M. Silvester and husband, Aldo Benigni of Rome, Italy, a son, George A. Silvestri and wife, Wei of Ossipee, New Hampshire, a son Paul J. Silvester and wife, Lessandra Melo of Greenwich; and seven loving grandchildren, Alexander Hirschl, Jeremy Hirschl, Rose Hirschl, Ascanio Benigni, Maxwell Silvester, George Silvester and Stephen Silvestri.

She had a strong sense of social justice and was the guiding light of her family. Her quiet strength was a source of inspiration to those who knew her. She was well-loved and will be greatly missed.

The family would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude to Iracy dos Santos for her compassionate care.

Services will be private. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

KM

“ *What a beauty! Part of the Terry Road group of generous and kind mothers! The street was filled with fun and good food and parties...We were so happy to see your mother a few years ago to bid our mother, Kemy, farewell. Thank you to Lisa and Gina and the rest of the family for keeping our mothers in touch in their later years. They truly had a great friendship...Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time...The Meaney Family xo*

Kathleen Meaney - February 12, 2021 at 03:58 PM

JF

“ *There are few superlatives that adequately describe Eve Silvester. I knew her only briefly but she left an indelible mark on me and my family. What comes to mind is her compassion, her wry sense of humor, an inimitable smile, her enormously strong sense of family and a piercing inquisitive mind tempered by wisdom which only comes with age. She was also an anachronism, now rarely seen: Eve Silvester was a true "lady" in every sense. Doubtlessly she will be missed by all. But now she is on gossamer wings in God's ether and so her spirit will always be with us.*



John Carusone & Family - February 11, 2021 at 06:00 PM

SP

“ *Susie Powers lit a candle in memory of Eve Silvester*



Susie Powers - February 10, 2021 at 06:10 PM

AJ

“ We were very sorry to read about Aunt Eve's passing. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time.

Adam Jr. and Laura

Adam Raimondi Jr. - February 10, 2021 at 08:41 AM



“ Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Eve Silvester.



February 09, 2021 at 04:45 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Eve Silvester.



February 08, 2021 at 11:54 AM

DR

“ My condolences to the entire Silvester family. David Reik, Farmington, CT

David Reik - February 07, 2021 at 04:11 PM

JL

“ Dear Silvester family, I was very sad to see that your mother had passed. Well, please take comfort in knowing she is now with Mr. Silvester and her many many friends (our parents). I think they may be sitting on the beach at GLP enjoying a nice cocktail or maybe they are getting ready for their usual Saturday night out on the town with the gang. We can't forget the weekly bridge nights with the ladies. Such fond memories. Rest In Peace, Mrs. Silvester.

Jeff Lankin - February 07, 2021 at 10:57 AM

 Marie Wiley

“ To All the Silvester's,

I was so saddened to see your Mom had passed. She was wonderful...just one of my MOST favorite people on earth, along with your Dad. and looking at this picture of her when young...just makes me laugh to see how much all of you look like her...obviously more so the girls :)

As you all know I just adored your parents. And I will forever treasure the many memories I have of them. You know you always want that last kiss goodbye to have another one right around the corner. Unfortunately this year because of Covid..I couldn't hug her or give her a kiss but/and...we did have two good visits and as I joked, in the later years,...it was remarkable how gorgeous your Mom continued to grow :)

Our family is your family. You may all feel orphaned but don't worry...the Tyler's have got your back. :)

If there's anything I can do for you...do not hesitate to call. 860-941-9519. I'm sorry we can't be together to comfort you guys...but know the intention is there. Your Mom lived a beautiful long life. God rest her soul. Love you all! xx Marie Tyler Wiley

Marie Wiley - February 07, 2021 at 09:57 AM

KG

“ Sylvester family, I am saddened to read of moms passing. My mom Katie Glennon was best friends with Eve. My mom and your mom were involed with the Mark Twain Memorial and the Bushnell together for many years and ALSO playing bridge with her friends. Your mom was a doll. My parents partying many times at your house in Hartford. Alot of fond memories. My heart goes out to all nof you! Sincerely, Kathi Glennon xoxoxoxoxoxoxoxo

Katherine Glennon - February 07, 2021 at 09:11 AM