



## Irene M. Riley

June 20, 2016

Irene Tierney Riley, 90, of West Hartford and Bloomfield, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 20, 2016 at St. Francis Hospital. She was the beloved wife of the late Attorney Stephen M. Riley who preceded her in death in 1998 and loving mother to the late Stephen M. Riley, II who preceded her in death in 2005. Irene was born November 23, 1925 in Westfield, Massachusetts, the daughter of the late Arthur and Marie (Hickey) Tierney. A graduate of University of New Hampshire and Syracuse University, she was employed in the personnel department for many years at G. Fox & Co. in Hartford and as a Realtor with Buckley Realtors in West Hartford. Irene loved to read. She leaves behind to mourn her passing, her sister-in-law Mrs. Doris Buser Tierney; her nieces and nephews and their spouses Kathleen T. and George Rinck, Ann and Walter Tierney Simon, James D. and Debra Tierney, Daniel A. Tierney, Patricia T. and Eugene Skrynski, and David R. and Marcy Tierney. Her husband's nephews and spouses and nieces William L. and Sarah Riley, Michael S. and Gail Riley, Lauren R. and Michael Roy and Maggie A. Riley and many great nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and son she was predeceased by her brother, Ralph Tierney; her nieces Judith A. Tierney and Margaret Tierney Budrecki; her brother-in-law's Laurence S. Riley, Reverend William J. Riley; sister-in-law, Marguerite A. Riley; and her husband's nephew Denis S. Riley; and niece Mary Riley Emswiler. The family would like to thank Companions for Living for their care and compassion provided to Irene. A Mass of Christian Burial will be

celebrated at the Church of St. Timothy, 1116 North Main Street, West Hartford at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 27, 2016. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Calling hours will be held Monday, June 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Church of St. Timothy. Memorial donations may be made to Northeastern University, Development Information Systems, 118 Cushing Hall, Northeastern University, 360 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02115-9877 in memory of Stephen M. Riley, II or to a charity of donor's choice. 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

JUN 27. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy  
1116 North Main St  
West Hartford, CT 06117  
(860) 233-5131

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# Tribute Wall

CA

“ Irene was a wonderful, active woman. It was my honor and privilege to know her. I met her through our sorority alum group here in Hartford. She was always so kind and loved working with our group. Many thoughts and prayers to her family and friends. She will be missed. LITB Irene, LITB. Carolyn Abramo

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**Carolyn Abramo** - July 13, 2016 at 11:39 AM

SV

“ My loving and happy thoughts of wonderful memories of Irene are with her and her family at this time as well as with her friends, one of which was a dear old friend of Irene, my Mom, Anne-Dillon Dalton. My mom and Irene have known each other since their days at Mount St. Joseph Academy. They were dear friends and spent many good times together, including working in real estate together and I worked with them and got to know her more. She was a true professional, always so full of life, very upbeat, witty and so bright, she was way ahead of her time in many ways and I always noticed that about her. We had some lovely day trips to watch the antique boat parade in Mystic, to see concerts with she and my Mom at Harkness and visit with her when we had our children. She and my Mom talked often on the phone for years. I remember calling my Mom and the phone was busy for a long time, that was because she was chatting with Irene, they loved to chat. She was a person who loved life and shared that love with others. It was sad when she lost her husband and her son at an early age, but now she is at peace, at home with them now and I am blessed to have known this special very good woman and to witness the beautiful friendship she and my Mom shared.

Love and prayers,  
Sarah Dalton Vassiliou

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**sarah vassiliou** - June 27, 2016 at 01:39 PM

LH

“ Irene was a lovely lady and I feel your loss. Our acquaintance goes back to mutual Hyde Road friends, Norfeldt school, our sons becoming professionals, and the friendship of my late husband, Rabbi Nathan Hershfield, with Reverend William Riley. Her memory will be for a blessing.  
Lotte Hershfield

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**Lotte Hershfield** - June 27, 2016 at 12:45 PM

JH

“ My family and I had the distinct pleasure to know Mrs. Riley. She helped me buy my first home in 1984 and the second in 1992. Although my family relocated to Atlanta in 1999, I made it a point to contact Mrs. Riley at least once a year when back visiting my family. Before the advent of the internet, she spent countless hours walking through multiples dozens of homes over many months. In the process she she met my parents, my fiance/wife and my three children. She was a woman of endless patience (at least with me), a wonderful story-teller and a friend.

*Please accept the heartfelt condolences of Joseph D. Horan family on the loss of Irene.*

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**Joseph D. Horan** - June 26, 2016 at 08:37 PM