



Jacquelyn Toolis Lilly

August 23, 2023

Jacquelyn (“Jackie”) Lilly (nee Toolis) was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She left this world suddenly on August 23, 2023 at age 72.

She was born in Cleveland, Ohio to Jack and Arlene Toolis on September 17, 1950, the first of their nine children. Jacquelyn attended St. Coleman’s School and Magnificat High School. After graduating from high school, Jacquelyn studied education at Mount St. Joseph College in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she met her husband of 52 years, Dan. They were devoted to their six children Dan, Kate, John, Bridget, Maeve, and Trish. They eventually settled in Hartford, Connecticut where Jacquelyn spent 25 years as a preschool teacher at Capitol Child Development Center.

One of Jackie’s greatest joys was being “Mémé” to her five grandchildren. She also loved researching her Irish heritage, the highlight of which was a trip to Achill Island in Ireland where she met her Toolis relatives. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, books, exploring New York City, reminiscing about growing up in Cleveland, and a good glass of wine.

Jackie will be greatly missed by her husband Dan; children Dan (Krista), Bridget (Quincy), Maeve (Dominic), and Trish; and grandchildren Natasha, Jack, Zelya, Katie, and Wes; but they all take great comfort in knowing that she has been reunited with her daughter Kate, son John, and parents Jack and Arlene. She will be lovingly remembered by her siblings Patrick (Wendy), Colleen (Kent), Terry (Liz), Sean (Lori), Maureen (John), Kevin (Wendy), Kelly

(Matt), and Shannon (Robert); Dan's seven siblings; and her numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Friends may call at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue in West Hartford, on Tuesday, August 29th from 4 to 7 p.m. A funeral mass will be held at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Catholic Church, 285 Church Street in Hartford, on Wednesday, August 30th at 10 a.m., with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry, 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Thoughts and prayers for the family on this tragic loss. Wonderful family. Mary Pat Logue Peterson. Fairview Park Ohio

Mary Logue Peterson - September 12, 2023 at 06:49 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jacquelyn Toolis Lilly.



August 28, 2023 at 08:53 PM



“ I worked with Jackie at CCDC and we lived on the same street at one time. I would always tell her how much I loved her yard and garden when I would pass by and she would always smile. She was such an amazing teacher and I was fortunate to learn from her. She loved working with children and she loved them as if they were her own. She had such a beautiful soul. I loved hearing about her trips especially when she went to Ireland and how excited and happy she was. We are all so sad to hear about her passing and my condolences go out to her husband, children and the rest of her family. We will truly miss you Jackie.

Michelle Colon - August 28, 2023 at 05:45 PM

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I was fortunate to work with Jackie Lilly for many years at CCDC. She was always kind and truly caring. Jackie would always share her wisdom and lots of stories about her family trips that were full of happiness and joy. We will miss her dearly. My condolences to all the family.

Elizabeth Jiminian - August 28, 2023 at 08:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jacquelyn Toolis Lilly.



August 28, 2023 at 02:28 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss. My condolences to the family and loved ones.

MAYURI PATEL - August 28, 2023 at 12:48 PM

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“ I worked with Jackie for 14 years at CCDC, where she was absolutely adored by the children as well her colleagues. As a young and inexperienced teacher, I learned so much by being in her presence. She was often funny, and always kind. I'm grateful for having known her. My condolences to the family and loved ones.

laura Fitzpatrick - August 26, 2023 at 01:33 PM