



## Janet O'Brien

March 16, 2017

Janet McCarthy O'Brien, 88, soon to be 89 in April, of Windsor and West Hartford passed away on Thursday, March 16 2017 with her loving family by her side after a brief illness. She was born in Hartford on April 19, 1928. Janet was the daughter of the late Grace Sloan and Donald McCarthy and grew up in Hartford where she met her late husband, William J. O'Brien; they were married for 63 years. She attended Weaver High School and the University of Saint Joseph. She worked at the O'Brien family homes on Shannon Road, Hartwell Road, Columbia Lake and Waterside Lane for over 60 years. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and was a great friend to many. Janet was a Justice of the Peace, a longtime member of the Woodridge Lake Association, and active member of the Rockledge Woman's Golf Club. In her seventies, she danced with the "Sophisticated Ladies" tap dancing and performing to the delight of many an audience. She was an active volunteer in her community and an avid bridge player. Janet was a master chef and baker; delighting family and friends with her warmth, generosity and love. Janet was predeceased by her sister Jean McCarthy, she also leaves her step sister Beth McCormick, her five children, Bill O'Brien, Kathleen Tracy, Tom O'Brien, Mary O'Brien and Nancy O'Brien; her grandchildren Sara Breaux, Abigail Hoffman, Katharine Feiner, Margaret O'Brien, Liam O'Brien and the late Andrew Feiner; and her great grandchildren Isabella Pagan and Tristan and Talon Hoffman; and her niece Erin McCormick and nephew Kevin McCormick; her sister-in-law Jean O'Brien

of FL. Calling hours will be from 4:00 PM -7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 22 at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford. A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Thursday at Saint Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant Street, West Hartford at 10:00 AM followed by her burial at Fairview Cemetery and a reception at the Church Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations in Janet's memory may be made in memory of her grandson to the Andrew Feiner Scholarship Fund through the Tunxis Community College Foundation. Checks can be mailed to the Tunxis Foundation 271 Scott Swamp Road Farmington, CT 06032 Attn: Feiner Scholarship or made on line using the link: <https://rally.org/tunxisfoundation> and entering "Feiner Scholarship" in the comment section or donations can be made in Janet's memory to University of Saint Joseph, Alumni Office, 1678 Asylum Ave., West Hartford, CT, 06117. Online expressions of sympathy can be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.  
West Hartford, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAR 22. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Claver Church  
47 Pleasant St  
West Hartford, CT

# Tribute Wall

BC

“ *A Lady of Distinction and a smile to match her beautiful presence - I was not a Sophisticated Lady but worked along with Miss Helyn to enjoy all the many performances Janet was happily involved in. I suspect heaven will be a brighter place now that she has moved on..... blessings to her family.*

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**Bette Cushman** - March 24, 2017 at 08:42 PM

CB

“ Janet was a wonderful human being, and a real ball of fire. As the saying goes, her Irish eyes were always smiling. She was a happy person, there for the moment and beyond, with more energy than 10 people combined. Always accommodating and flexible with her time, she gave of herself, over and over.

We would stop by Waterside on a weekend afternoon just to say "hello" to Janet and Bill, but inevitably ended up staying for 2 or 3 hours! Sitting in the living room, or looking out onto the lake from the great room, the aroma of bread or a sweet confection coming from the oven; she was the ultimate hostess.

Telling stories of days gone by and laughing until tears ran down our faces, and Janet refilling our glasses of wine, Big Bill would come up from downstairs to see what all the noise was--- and join us for another hour! Lois would pop in and stay for a few laughs. It was just a fun exchange of stories and commentary; spontaneous and comfortable. That is how Janet always made us feel – comfortable.

Janet was a real friend, warm and true. Her spirit will remain forever in our hearts, never to be forgotten. She was and will always be a very special person to us and will be sorely missed.

Chris and Donna Bailey-Gates  
Farmington, CT

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**Chris and Donna Bailey-Gates** - March 21, 2017 at 12:20 PM

BO

Wow, that was beautiful! She loved you both so much! Thank you for being such good friends. Love you!

Billy O'Brien

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**Bill O'Brien** - March 26, 2017 at 12:02 PM

VO

“ I was so sorry to hear of Janet's death. Very glad I had such a nice visit with her on New Years Eve at Rockledge. Great lady!! Sorry I am away and unable to attend the services.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Ginny O'Brien. (Mrs. Frederick)

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**Virginia O'Brien** - March 21, 2017 at 10:21 AM

MP

“ My deepest sympathy to Janet's family. I loved playing golf with Janet, she had me in stitches throughout the round! She could keep everyone's score better than we could, not a shot got by Janet. She was the classiest, most polished woman I know, sharp and kind. I'll be thinking of her fondly as I walk the course at Rockledge.

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**Marilyn Pearson** - March 21, 2017 at 09:58 AM

RG

“ Many great memories of Janet driving up in the white Volvo and playing golf at Rockledge. She was very active in the ladies group and for many years hosted the season opening meeting at her lovely home on Waterside Lane. She will be missed.

*Our deepest sympathy to her entire family.*

*The Rockledge Women's Golf Group*

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**Rockledge Women's Golf Group** - March 21, 2017 at 08:36 AM

SG

“ We loved your mother so very much having known her as a wonderful friend and neighbor on Waterside Lane. Her family was so very important to her and she loved all of you so very much. Treasure all of those wonderful memories you have. We send our sincere condolences,  
Susan and Paul Goldberg

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**Susan and Paul Goldberg** - March 19, 2017 at 11:06 AM