



Joan Roach Amell

April 15, 1933 - March 18, 2024

Joan Roach Amell of West Hartford CT, and previously of Scotia NY, passed away at home on March 18, 2024. Joan was born April 15, 1933, along with her twin sister Jean in Plattsburgh NY to parents Emmett J. and Lillian C. Roach.

Joan was predeceased by her parents, her husband Arnold, sisters Patricia Whalen Maley and Jean McMillan and daughter in law Cindy Amell. She is survived by her children James Amell (partner Patricia Adams) of Gansevoort NY, Jeffrey (Mary Martin) of West Hartford CT and Mary Jo Spath (Michael) of Franklin MA; grandchildren Megan (Caleb) Farrell, Molly (Travis) Bush, Kaitlin, Bridget and Emily Spath, and Grace and James Amell, and four great grandchildren. Survived by her sisters Barbara Waters and Doreen (James) Ryan, sister-in-law Shirley Amell and many nieces and nephews.

Joan graduated from the College of St. Rose in 1955 with a BA degree in English. She started her career as an English teacher in Beekmantown NY. Joan later taught piano lessons to her three children and a number of neighborhood kids for many years, and also taught English as a second language. In addition to her family, Joan's joys in life were music especially playing piano, spending time at her family camp on Lake Champlain and traveling with her husband.

Joan was a member of AAUW, Thursday Musical Club, Sunnyview Auxiliary Board, St. Rose Alumni Association and was a long-time communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Scotia NY.

The family would like to especially thank Julette Samuels for her dedicated and compassionate care for the last several years.

Calling hours will be held Friday March 22, 2024, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Molloy Funeral Home at 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday March 23, 2024, 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, 47 Pleasant St. West Hartford CT. Burial alongside her husband will be conducted on Monday March 25, 2024, with a brief memorial service at 1 p.m. at the Gerald B. H. Solomon National Cemetery, Schuylerville NY

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Arnold A. Amell Scholarship Fund at the SUNY Plattsburgh Foundation.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

JP

“ It was a pleasure knowing Joan as Director of the Thursday Musical Club and with our performance group with AAUW. She was unfailingly kind and positive. She last sang with the women's chorus for our 100th anniversary in 2013. Sincere condolences to her family.

Julie Panke - March 22, 2024 at 06:38 PM

JB

“ I am sorry to hear of Joan's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.
I will have a mass said for Joan at St. Joseph's in Scotia.
Sincerely,
Joan Bergin

Joan L Bergin - March 22, 2024 at 01:48 PM

JB

“ I offer my condolences to the Amell family. I went to school at Clarkson with her son, Jeff and my memory of him is that he is a good person. Losing a mother is very difficult and I hope Jeff is coping as best he can.

Jim Buran - March 21, 2024 at 07:12 PM

JT

“ Dear MJ and family, so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. May she rest in peace. Sincerely Joanne

Joanne Trovato - March 21, 2024 at 06:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joan Roach Amell.*



March 21, 2024 at 11:38 AM



“ *Mary Jo.... Didn't know your mom, but from reading the Gazette this morning, she had the same gentle spirit and kindness that I could see in you day after day in HS homeroom. I wish you well and prayers go out during this difficult time.... Dave Barnes, SGHS, class of 1981.*

Dave Barnes - March 21, 2024 at 11:33 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to all who loved Joan. As the next generation of Roach twin girls, it was always a highlight to visit with Joan (and Jean). I am certain our Daddy (John) and Pat had the bagpipes playing for her arrival in Heaven.*

Eileen Roach - March 20, 2024 at 05:49 PM