



Joseph F. Mulready, Jr.

April 2, 2019

Joseph F. Mulready, Jr. passed away on April 2, 2019 in his home in West Hartford, CT. Joe was born April 30, 1939 in Brooklyn, NY and was raised in Hartford and West Hartford. He earned his B.A. in English from the College of the Holy Cross, M.A. in Music from the Hartt School of Music, and D.M.A. in Music Composition from Columbia University.

After earning his M.A., Joe joined the faculty of Holy Cross as Professor of Music and Choral Director. While at Holy Cross, he also served as the Executive Director of the Worcester County Music Association. Joe's original composition mass was performed at the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the College. In 1970 Joe returned to the Hartt School as Professor of Composition and Musical Theory where he taught for 10 years before embarking on a career in private business.

Joe had a long career as a Director of Music for several churches, spanning a period of over 50 years including 24 years at the Church of St. Dunstan in Glastonbury from which he retired in May of 2018.

Joe volunteered much of his time to the promotion of education and the Arts in the Hartford region. He served on the Board of the Hartford Ballet, was a Regent of the University of Hartford, and longtime Chairman of the Board of the Hartt School from which he earned the distinguished Fuller Medal. Joe also received the Anchor Award in recognition for service to the University of Hartford.

Joe was a devoted father who was involved as a coach and administrator in

youth sports organizations in West Hartford including the youth basketball and soccer programs. He spoiled his grandchildren primarily by buying them ice cream against their parents' wishes.

Joe is survived by his wife of 52 years Carole and their children: Greg and his wife Laura, Kristin and her husband David and Colin and his wife Lindsey; eight grandchildren, Kathleen, Nicole, Ella, Meredith, Julianne, Danielle, Peter and Caroline Jane; his brothers Paul, Richard, Robert, Kevin and Christopher; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Marian (Bailey) and Joseph F. Mulready, Sr., and his sisters Mary Mulready Sullivan and Margaret Mulready.

Joe was a smart, loving and caring person treasured by those who knew and worked with him. His way with words and sense of humor will be sorely missed. Calling hours will be held from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2019 at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at The Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle, 872 Farmington Ave., West Hartford.

Joe's family would like to express their sincere gratitude to Masonicare Home Health & Hospice for the wonderful care they brought into their lives, with particular thanks to nursing aides Ann, Louise and Marjorie and to his primary nurse Raegan. In lieu of flowers, donations in Joe's name may be made to Church of St. Thomas the Apostle Food Pantry, 872 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, CT 06119 <https://stawh.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/FoodPantry> or The Hartt Scholarship Fund, 200 Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford, CT 06117 <https://www.anchoronline.org/advancement-services/hartt-school/donate>

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR **12**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

VT

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Joseph Mulready, Jr. May you find comfort in your loving memories, and in God's promise to soon "swallow up death forever" and "wipe away the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25;8) With deepest sympathy,

V. Thompson - April 15, 2019 at 12:20 PM

EB

“ I was a choir member at St. Margaret Church in Waterbury in the early 90's when Joe was the organist and choir director. Joe's quick Irish wit and wonderful sense of humor stand out and will always be remembered. Joe was a true gentleman, always very kind and patient with our choir. His good will prevailed! When Joe moved on, he was certainly missed. My deep sympathy goes out to Carole and the entire Mulready family. Prayers for you all.

Sincerely, Ellen Murphy Blake

Ellen Blake - April 11, 2019 at 07:31 PM

ES

“ Carole and the Mulready family: in the spirit best captured by Shakespeare, “Some it soothes, but none it ever cured, to know their dolours others have endured.”, we offer this note of condolence and tribute to a man who was mentor and a great friend to all of us many years ago.

Edgar C. Schick and the surviving members of the Holy Cross College Glee Club, Class of 1966

Edgar Schick - April 10, 2019 at 01:31 PM

CA

“ I had Joe for kids choir at St. Dunstan’s many years ago and loved our donut breaks together. I still miss seeing him behind the keys and his warm smile and humor.

Cara - April 09, 2019 at 12:11 PM

MA

“ Monique, Sarah, Julie, Lisa, Elaine, and Angela purchased the Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant for the family of Joseph F. Mulready, Jr..



Monique, Sarah, Julie, Lisa, Elaine, and Angela - April 08, 2019 at 10:23 PM

LS

“ Mr. Mulready was one of my favorite music teachers at the Hartt School of Music. His compassion, encouragement and sense of humor made his classes so interesting and fun! Even though I graduated from Hartt in 1974, I often modeled his teaching methods in my 42 years of teaching music classes at Suffield Middle School. Mr. Mulready was a wonderful man and a true gift to me. Thank you Mr. Mulready. May God bless you!

Linda (Williams) Seabury

Linda (Williams) Seabury - April 08, 2019 at 01:10 PM

KM

Thank you so much for these kinds words, Linda!

Kristin Mulready-Stone - April 09, 2019 at 02:43 PM

PG

“ Dear Colin and Family, I am writing from Florida, where my fellow Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Vero Beach member Ken Klein just informed me of Joe's death. I want to extend my sympathy to the entire Mulready family. I especially remember an evening we spent together to celebrate Colin's college graduation. Paul Grubbs

Paul Grubbs - April 08, 2019 at 11:05 AM

KM

Thank you so much for these memories. And please give our very best to the Kleins.

Kristin Mulready-Stone - April 09, 2019 at 08:20 PM

JK

“ Jacqui, Chris, Jon, Lee, Steve, Sarah and Ken purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of Joseph F. Mulready, Jr..



Jacqui, Chris, Jon, Lee, Steve, Sarah and Ken - April 08, 2019 at 08:52 AM

GG

“ Dear Carol
Donna and I are saddened to learn of Joe's passing. Our deepest sympathies go out to you and your family.

Gary Gianini - April 07, 2019 at 03:28 PM

EB

“ He was such a kind, gentle person, and was so welcoming to me when I came to Hartt! Ed Bolkovac

Ed Bolkovac - April 06, 2019 at 06:35 PM

HN

“ Joe was one of my teachers in college, and I remember his being kind and gentle. I am sending my deepest condolences to the Mulready family.

Hope Noar - April 06, 2019 at 05:59 PM

MC

“ I am sorry for your loss. I was in choir for about 20 years before I moved.. I remember his wit and playful comments in his storytelling

Maryann Couture - April 06, 2019 at 05:02 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joseph F. Mulready, Jr..



April 06, 2019 at 04:34 PM

KM

“ My deepest sympathy on Joe's passing. Joe was such an integral part of our family when we lived in CT. We were grateful when he gave Annie piano lessons then recommended her to Hart School of Music. Joe had the ability to see the best in people and to laugh. Joe and family are in our prayers.

Kathrine Mauser - April 06, 2019 at 12:41 PM

MW

So sorry to hear of the passing of Joe. My thoughts and prayers are with the Mulready family at this sad time. Marie Walsh.

Marie Walsh - April 06, 2019 at 05:33 PM

RK

“ Chris, So very sorry for your loss. I know how hard it is to lose a sibling. God be with you all during this horrible time. Keep in mind he is struggling no more. Be at peace.

Robin Kenna - April 06, 2019 at 08:53 AM

EB

“ To the entire Mulready family and especially my dear friend Colin, sending you all love and prayers at this truly sad time. Wishing you all comfort & peace in your happy memories. God rest his soul xox

Elizabeth McGloin Browne - April 06, 2019 at 03:02 AM

JS

“ My deepest condolences to you Chris and your entire family.

Judi Swift - April 05, 2019 at 05:41 PM