



## Lois Rose Tunila

November 16, 2020

Tunila, Lois Rose Spears, aged 95 died in Hartford on Monday 11/16/2020 from complications from COVID-19. Lois was born in Meriden, February 1, 1925, the only child of Grover F. and Mary Carl Spears. Her father died during the Great Depression when she was only five. She was raised by her mother and grandmother but additionally she was fortunate to have the support and guidance of three great aunts and their families. They were Ruth Carl Williams, Ann Carl Murray and Edna Spears O'Brien. Lois graduated from Meriden schools and then from St. Joseph College (University) in 1946 with a B.S. in Chemistry. After graduation she briefly worked in New York City as a correspondence editor for The American Tobacco Co. and then for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, Airport Dept. at Rentschler Field. In 1955 she married her beloved husband Anthony Tunila who predeceased her on April 16, 2006. After the birth of her two sons and staying home to raise them, in 1967 Lois returned to the workplace and into the budding computer age at Aetna Life & Casualty Co. where she worked in Billing and System Development until her retirement. She then worked part time for 6 years as editor of The Connecticut Catholic Directory. Lois was a long-time parishioner of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, and a lector and sometime tour guide there. She was a member of the Hartford Chapter of the St. Joseph College Alumnae Assoc., the Wadsworth Atheneum and an Associate member of the Westerly Yacht Club. She, her husband, sons and family members had many good boating and fishing years in the Watch Hill and Stonington areas. She and her best friend

Peggy Gorman enjoyed museum trips to New York and Boston and exploring restaurants too of course. Lois leaves her beloved sons and their families, Robert and his wife Robin Daniels of Tucson, AZ and John and his wife Susan of Tolland, CT and two fabulous granddaughters Emily Rose and Megan Helen of Stonington, CT. She also leaves her cousin William Murray of Westport, CT. A mass of Christian burial will be held at a later date. Donations in her memory may be made to the St. Joseph University Scholarship Fund, 1678 Asylum Ave., West Hartford, CT 06117 or the Cathedral of St. Joseph Food Pantry, 140 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT 06105.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery

1 Cottage Grove Rd  
Bloomfield, CT

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

AUG 23. 10:00 AM (ET)

Cathedral of St. Joseph  
140 Farmington Ave.  
Hartford, CT

# Tribute Wall



“ *Molloy Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Lois Rose Tunila*



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**Molloy Funeral Home** - August 17, 2021 at 04:04 PM

RB

“ *John, so sorry for your loss.*

*My wife's mom [A Marie Desrosiers] worked with Lois at Aetna for a time, as well as I in Systems. [You and I also worked on the UCONN Greek Housing Cmte].*

*Everyone loved Lois.*

*Ray Burrington*

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**Ray E Burrington** - August 19, 2021 at 10:41 AM

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“ *John, Susan, Emily And Megan,*

*I'm very sorry to learn of the passing away of your Mother. My condolences and prayers go out to all of you.*

*Tom Fischer  
Palo Alto, California*

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**Tom Fischer** - August 19, 2021 at 06:01 AM

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“ *From Kathy... Lois's nurse  
Sending my heartfelt condolences to Lois's  
family. She was a pleasure to care for and  
was loved by her VM caregivers. She will be  
missed. May she Rest In the peace of God's  
loving arms.*



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**Kathleen** - November 22, 2020 at 11:37 AM

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“ *I remember mom (Peggy Gorman) and Lois went out every  
Saturday afternoon and talked on the phone most days. We will all  
miss her. Deb Ullman*

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**Deborah Ullman** - November 20, 2020 at 01:38 PM