



## Lorraine Abbott Molloy

January 8, 2016

Lorraine Abbott Molloy, 92, of Harwich, Massachusetts, formerly of West Hartford, Connecticut, beloved wife of the late Robert J. Molloy, died quietly on January 8, 2016, at her home in Harwich. Born in Old Saybrook, Connecticut, Lorraine was the daughter of William and Anastasia (Hayes) Abbott. She grew up in East Hartford and attended East Hartford High School. She graduated from Saint Joseph College (now the University of Saint Joseph) in West Hartford, Connecticut, in 1946. She remained a loyal alumna of the school throughout her life. In 1951, she married Robert J. Molloy of West Hartford. They reared eight children there, retiring to Harwich, the site of many happy family vacations, in 1994. Robert died in September 2014. Lorraine was a devoted parishioner of Saint Thomas the Apostle Church in West Hartford and Holy Trinity Church in West Harwich. In retirement, she took great advantage of the Chatham Harwich Newcomers' Club; until her death she enjoyed the people and activities to which that organization led her. She was a longtime volunteer with The Family Pantry of Cape Cod. Wherever she lived, she always belonged to a book club. She had deep, abiding friendships with many. She valued creating a warm and welcoming home where family and friends could gather. She often reminded her children that her greatest gift to them was the gift of each other. She leaves Ann (Kenneth Stillman) of Northborough; Robert (Kristine Schmidt) of Kenai, Alaska; Katherine Spencer-Molloy (Frank) of Tariffville, Connecticut; Jean Palin (Michael) of New Britain, Connecticut; Stephen (Patricia) of Avon, Connecticut; Elizabeth (Charles Gill)

of Omaha, Nebraska; Peter (Laura Powell) of Penngrove, California; and Gregory (Cheryl Langway) of Bridgewater, Massachusetts. She also leaves eleven grandchildren: Sarah and David Stillman, Lily Schmidt Towers, Robert Spencer-Molloy, Liam and Claire Palin, Michael Macelletti, Allison and John Gill, and Hannah and Emma Molloy. Also surviving her are her brother, Ronald Abbott, and his wife, Marjorie, of Harwich Port; her sister-in-law, Helen Molloy, of Bloomfield, Connecticut; and many nieces and nephews for whom she felt great affection. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her beloved sister, Mary A. Lacy, and brother, John Newman Abbott. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 16, at Holy Trinity Church, 246 Main Street (Route 28), West Harwich. Time for visitation will immediately precede the service at 10 a.m. at Morris, O'Connor & Blute Funeral Home, 678 Main Street, Harwich. Friends and family are invited to join Lorraine's children and grandchildren for committal services at Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield, Connecticut, on Monday, January 18, at 11:00 a.m. Gifts in Lorraine's memory may be made to University of Saint Joseph, 1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117; The Family Pantry of Cape Cod, 133 Queen Anne Road, Harwich MA 02645; or Friends of Brooks Free Library, P.O. Box 1456, Harwich, MA 02645.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery

1 Cottage Grove Rd  
Bloomfield, CT

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mount Saint Benedict  
1 Cottage Grove Road  
Bloomfield, CT

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Molloy children, spouses and grandchildren,  
I have fond memories of both your parents dating back to 1965 -  
1970 when I worked in the offices of Fred O'Brien, MD. and Robert  
Molloy, M.D.

One of my favorite memories of your mother are the Christmas  
dinners she would prepare in your home for the office staff at the  
holiday season every year. She was so busy with her own family  
and her father but she took the time to entertain us and make us  
feel so appreciated. We felt so welcome in your home.  
I wish her peace after a life well lived.

With love,

Colette (Collie) Colwell Gardner

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**Colette Gardner** - January 25, 2016 at 07:05 PM

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“ To Kathie and all of the Molloys: My life was so enriched by your  
mom. During high school and beyond, she always treated me like  
one of her own. Her door was always open and her hospitality was  
unsurpassed! She was like a second mom to me. I will miss her  
warmth, humility, genuine kindness, sense of humor and love of  
others. I feel so blessed to have spent time with her at Stephen's  
and Patricia's house last year. I will always treasure our beloved  
Lorriane and her great smile. All my love, Gail (Davis) Cardwell

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**Gail Cardwell** - January 14, 2016 at 11:46 AM

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Thanks so much Gail, your kind words are appreciated

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**Bob Molloy** - January 23, 2016 at 09:23 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Lorraine Abbott Molloy.



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January 13, 2016 at 01:55 PM