



Martha Finley Kane

July 30, 2020

Martha Catherine (Finley) Kane passed away peacefully at her home in West Hartford on July 30, 2020. She is survived by Donald, her loving husband of 55 years. She is also survived by her brother George (Mary) Finley of Old Lyme, and sisters Sara (Howard) Rosenbecker of Bradenton, FL and Katy (George) Colli of Suffield. She is survived by her brother-in-law Thomas (Geraldine) Kane of Glastonbury and sister-in-law Gwynn Kane of Dennis, MA. Martha is also survived by her four children and their respective spouses: Donald Jr. and Karen Kane of West Hartford, Timothy and Kimberly Kane of Hebron, Geoffrey and Dana Kane of Wethersfield, and Julia and John Murphy of West Hartford. Our beloved "Mimi" also leaves behind her 8 grandchildren: Nathan, Evan, Nicholas, Jack, Mae, Michael, Leighton, & James, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Martha was predeceased by her sister Mary and husband Daniel Doyle and her brother-in-law William Kane. Martha was born on July 17, 1942 to Dr. George and Catherine (Degnan) Finley. She grew up in West Hartford, but enjoyed spending her summers down at Old Lyme Shores. She graduated from Mt. St. Joseph's Academy and then from Marymount College in Tarrytown, NY. She later returned to school to earn her Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from the now-University of St. Joseph and began her 25-year career as a teacher at M.D. Fox Elementary School in Hartford. Martha loved nothing more than spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was always their biggest cheerleader at their numerous baseball, basketball, and football games. A lifelong UConn and Red

Sox fan, Martha could always be found cheering on her favorite teams. She passed on her love of cooking to all her children, and even some of her grandchildren. She was a woman of faith, strength, and laughter who is already dearly missed. Martha was buried with a private service. A larger celebration of her life will be held at a later time. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made in her memory to Northwest Catholic High School, 29 Wampanoag Drive, West Hartford, CT 06117. Molloy Funeral Home had care of arrangements, online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

SS

“ *What a wonderful person! It was an honor to have known her. Our daughter could not have picked a finer mother-in-law. Martha will be sorely missed at Kane family gatherings, where she had a very special way with all the little ones. God rest her soul.*

Steve & Carole Sanetti - August 10, 2020 at 02:12 PM

TP

“ *To the Kane and Finley family members.....I'm sending my sympathy and condolences to all of you in my behalf, and on behalf of the Paulding family. There is a link or bond between all of us who have enjoyed the summer life at Old Lyme Shores.....may those pleasant memories help to give comfort to you all, as Martha joins the angels in heaven.*

T.R. Paulding

T.R. Paulding - August 10, 2020 at 09:46 AM

SA

“ *I am so sorry for your loss Mr. Kane. My prayers to you, family & friends.*

Sandra - August 10, 2020 at 08:22 AM

AM

“ *Dear Don and family, I have such special memories of Martha at Old Lyme Shores. We sat together so many days on that beach watching our kids. Don, you were one of the first persons I met when I first came to the beach as a stranger and you always were so kind. We may lose a loved one, but never forget the precious memories. Rest in Peace, my friend. Love, Ann Jones Moriarty*

Ann Jones Moriarty - August 08, 2020 at 03:37 PM

RH

“ Sincere sympathy to the family of Martha Finley Kane.
Remembered by Rose Hennessy from Cork, Ireland.

Rose Hennessy - August 07, 2020 at 11:43 AM

MH

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Martha Finley Kane from
Tom and Margaret Hinchy and Family, of 23, Wilton Gardens,
Wilton, Cork, Ireland.

*(Martha's son in law, John Murphy, Julia's husband, is my nephew)
Condolences to Julia, John, Mae and Michael Murphy) May Martha
rest in peace.*

Margaret Hinchy - August 07, 2020 at 05:26 AM

VO

“ Dear Don and family! I just learned that dear Martha passed away! I
am so sorry! I have been in RI since May and out of touch with WH!
What nice memories I have of the great years when our kids were at
NWC! Those were wonderful times! Please know that you all are in
my thoughts and prayers!💔 Sincerely, Ginny O'Brien

virginia O'Brien - August 06, 2020 at 03:41 PM

JS

“ Dear Donald, Don, Tim, and the entire Kane family, I was deeply saddened to hear of Martha's passing. Thinking of her brings to mind many fond memories of her and Donald as parents of her student-athletes at Northwest Catholic HS. She was totally dedicated to you in the classroom and in whatever activity or athletics you were taking part in. She and Don Sr. were present at so many NWC events that everyone here knew exactly who they were. In the gym and on the athletic fields she was a constant quiet presence who supported our teams through thick and thin. Personally, I felt her warmth and support as both teacher and coach. She was so proud of you and all that you accomplished and completely devoted to you. Martha was a wonderful, caring, and compassionate person. I wish that I could be there to share these thoughts with you in person, however, time, distance, and the current state of travel make that impossible for me. Please know that she and all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely,
John C. Shukie NWC Retired Baltimore MD.

John C. Shukie - August 06, 2020 at 02:19 PM

LT

“ Martha was a joy to work with, we had many great laughs during team meetings and lunch. I will always remember her happy spirit.
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Lori Bryant Thompson - August 06, 2020 at 10:09 AM

ST

“Loved Aunt Martha! So much time spent together as kids. She was kind, loving and had a great sense of humor. Her beautiful soul will live on in her kids and grandkids. Rest in peace sweet lady.
Sara (little)



sara tyler-connolly - August 05, 2020 at 05:10 PM

EL

Great picture of the sisters-all very special ladies

ellen - August 05, 2020 at 07:13 PM

KC

Thanks Ellie❤️

katy colli - August 05, 2020 at 09:58 PM

MC

Had lost touch with Martha. we carpoled together to St. Justin's along with George and Sarah...Katie was still in her car seat! then onto The Mount ...big girls now. Martha always so kind to her younger neighbor (by 2 years...a big age difference then!) Our family always loved the Finleys. Rest in peace, dear Martha.

Meg Cunningham - August 08, 2020 at 08:28 AM

ME

I was so sorry to hear of Martha's death. Martha was a huge part of my youth. She was my very best friend and we spent many good times together at Old Lyme Shores. We would put on plays in each other's garage and always recruited Georgie and Sarah to take part. I'm sad we lost touch over the years. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Marion Eagan - August 08, 2020 at 08:59 PM

LG

I was so sorry to hear of Martha's passing and I want to extend my condolences to the Kane family. I won't forget how warm and welcoming Martha was to me as a transferring teacher to MD Fox Elementary. One year, we were next-door neighbors in school and had a connecting door to each other's classroom, we shared some great times and laughs.

Lisa Gassner - August 11, 2020 at 05:10 PM