



## Mary Beatrice Steeves

May 22, 1918 - April 1, 2011

### Beatrice C. Steeves

Mary Beatrice Steeves, of West Hartford, wife of the late Frank J. Steeves, passed away peacefully at her home on April 1, 2011.

She was born May 22, 1918 to William and Esther O'Farrell Cashin. She graduated from William Hall High School in 1936. In 1940, she earned her B.A. in English from Saint Joseph College and she proudly attended her 70th reunion this past September. Bea pursued her Master's at Trinity College, writing her dissertation on G.K. Chesterton. On August 17, 1946, she married her beloved husband, Frank, who died April 12, 1972. In 1974, she earned her M.A. in Philosophy and Religious Studies from Saint Joseph College.

Bea had a lifelong passion for learning. Her areas of interest were many: philosophy, religion, languages, women's studies, literature, art and music.

She taught English, Latin and Religion for more than 30 years in several parochial schools, including St. Augustine grammar school, Mount Saint Joseph Academy, South Catholic High, Northwest Catholic High and St. Thomas Aquinas. She was Assistant Director of Religious Education at Holy Spirit parish in Newington for two years. She also taught high school English for the Sisters of Good Shepherd.

Bea was a very active member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, receiving in 2004 the Medal of St. Joseph from the Archdiocese of Hartford in recognition of her many years of service to the parish. She was the first woman president of the Parish Council. Bea was in the first group of Eucharistic Ministers

commissioned in the Archdiocese of Hartford in 1979. She brought communion to the Hughes Convalescent Home for 30 years. She helped found a support group for separated, widowed and divorced Catholics at St. Thomas and was dedicated to the parish's sister parish in Hartford, Sacred Heart. A daily communicant, she was also a long-time lector at the church. For 10 years, she and friends brought meals to Tabor House in Hartford, volunteering in support of those living with HIV/AIDS. She and her husband were active in the Cursillo movement and later she was involved in small Christian communities, hosting a group in her home for many years.

Bea is survived by four children and their spouses and nine grandchildren: Michael and Pamela Gray Steeves of Southington, and their children Matthew and Samantha; Gerald and Loretta Krempasky Steeves of New Paris, PA, and their children Sean and Sarah; Margaret Steeves and Joseph Laffin of West Hartford, and their son Christopher; and Brian and Claudia Thompson Steeves of Glastonbury, and their children Kristin, William, Elizabeth and Jackson. She is also survived by a beloved sister, Eileen Cashin Effing of Helena, MT, and many wonderful and cherished friends.

Funeral services will be Monday, April 4 at 9:30 a.m. from the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Friends may call on Sunday from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the funeral home. Donations in Bea's memory may be made to the Saint Joseph College Scholarship Fund, 1678 Asylum Ave., West Hartford, CT 06117 or to Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave., West Hartford CT 06119. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Margaret,  
*I just heard about your loss of your beloved mother. My deepest sympathies to you and your family.##imported-begin##Gail McCormack##imported-end##*

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April 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Mike,  
*My prayers are with you and your family. May your Mothers wonderful life be a comfort to you.*

*Valerie Mathis - DOC##imported-begin##Valerie Mathis##imported-end##*

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April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Margaret:

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May you be comforted with love and all your wonderful memories of your mother.*

*I am so sorry your loss...*

*Tracey LeMay##imported-begin##Tracey LeMay##imported-end##*

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April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a joy it was to know Bea. We were always happy to see her car parked outside the Laffin/Steeves house, knowing a good drink would have been poured and good company could be found. To Kit she will always be Mrs. Grandmother-she felt like everyone's grandmother, or mother. Bon voyage Bea.##imported-begin##Stevie Zimmerman##imported-end##*

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April 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mike, Pam, Mattie, Sammie and the rest of the Steeve's family. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God's healing hands be upon all of you as you start your healing journey. May the knowledge that Bea has seen the face of God and is no longer in pain be a comfort to all of you.##imported-begin##Joe and Candi Emond##imported-end##*

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April 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Margret*  
*Susan told me today about your mother. My prayers for you and your family. Your mother was a wonderful woman whom I have never forgotten. I feel so blessed to have shared our time at the Mount.*  
*Linda Tagliamonte##imported-begin##Linda Tagliamonte##imported-end##*

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April 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ TO THE STEEVES CLAN FROM THE BISHOP ROAD/GRAY CLAN....THE PASSING/DEATH AND LIFE OF UR MOM BRINGS US ALL TOGETHER IN THIS CIRCLE OF LIFE..MANY LAFFS AND MEMORIES SHE CREATED FOR US ALL WILL LIVE ON....SHE WAS THAT PERSON THAT WAS SPECIAL FOR SOOO MANY REASONS...ALTHO SHE FRIGHTENED ME GROWING UP BECAUSE OF HER INTENSE INTELLIGENCE... I LATER GREW TO LOVE THE SAME FOR HER REASONED DEBATES ABOUT RELIGION AND POLITICS...SHE WAS TRULY A "THEOLOGIAN/JESUIT" IN PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE.....ANY PERSON THAT CAN TEACH, LET ALONE SPEAK LATIN DESERVES ACCOLADES.....NOT TO MENTION SHE RAISED 3 UNRULY BOYZZ AND 1 ANGEL OF A GIRL WHO GREW UP"PERFECTLY" GIVES HER CLAIM TO SUPERMOMMMMM...."MISSUS STEEVES" IS/WAS BOLDNESS,GENIUS,POWER, AND MAGIC THAT TOUCHED US ALL AND FOR THAT WE CAN THANK HER FOR TOUCHING US IN THIS SWIRL OF LIFE...UR TROUBLES HAVE PASSED ..U WILL LIVE ON IN OUR HEARTS....BISHOP ROAD....##imported-begin##STEVEN GRAY##imported-end##

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April 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO BEAS FAMILY. WE HAVE MANY WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF BEA, SHE SHOWED US HOW TO LIVE ESPECIALLY IN THE LAST FEW YEARS HOW SHE FACED HER ILLNESS WITH MUCH FAITH AND COURAGE.WE WILL KEEP HER AND HER BEAUTIFUL FAMILY IN OUR PRAYERS.##imported-begin##bertha and ted calabrese##imported-end##

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April 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bea was a most wonderful, spiritual, and active person. Many years ago I was a member of one of her small Christian groups that met in her home. Bea led us -- with her bright mind, enthusiasm, and strong, Catholic faith. She influenced my faith and outlook in so many positive ways. I will miss her dearly but so appreciate all the effect she had on others. She was a great role model of how to live faithfully and actively for others. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."*

*Blessings and prayers to all the family!##imported-begin##Rev. Sally D. Brown##imported-end##*

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April 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Margaret, We want to let you know that you and your family are in our prayers at this most difficult time. You and all who knew your mother know what a very special lady she was. It was my privelege to work with her for a short time at St. Thomas Aquinas over thirty years ago and she is in my memory as one of those few special people I've been honored to to work with while teaching. Sincerely, Mary Lou- SJC '76##imported-begin##Mary Lou & Bob Caffrey##imported-end##*

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April 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayer are with you and your family at this very differcult time of your life. Bob, Sharon & Kelly##imported-begin##Bob, Sharon & kelly##imported-end##*

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April 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Margaret, Michael, Gerry, Brian, and families,  
We cherished your mom, Bea, and we share deeply with you in her loss. What a most remarkable woman! We will see you on Sunday.  
Affectionately, Maureen Laffin-Finizio & Carmen Finizio  
begin##Maureen and Carmen Finizio##imported-end##

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April 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM