



## Mary Jane Cronin

February 18, 2020

Mary Jane Cronin, 91, of Bloomfield, passed away on February 18, 2020 after a brief illness.

Mary Jane was born and raised in Hartford, the daughter of the late John and Mary Yarosz. A gifted student, she graduated from Hartford Public High School at age 16. She later married her high school sweetheart James R. Cronin, with whom she spent 66 wonderful years. Mary Jane lived in the Greater Hartford area throughout her life, eventually settling in Bloomfield. She worked for the Federal Government, both before and after raising her family, in the Veteran's Administration and Social Security.

She supported many local organizations, including serving as a board member for The Newington Children's Hospital Auxiliary (now CT Children's Medical Center), The West Hartford Junior Women's and Garden Clubs. Mary Jane possessed an incredibly kind and generous spirit. Her extraordinary cooking, gracious hospitality and persistent doting on her grandchildren will continue to be her legacy to those that she touched, as will her warm smile. No guest ever left her home without an edible treat or gifted treasure in tow. An avid collector, antiquing was a favorite hobby of Mary Jane's and one she enjoyed sharing with her dear friends, daughters and grandchildren.

Mary Jane and her family spent many wonderful years at her vacation home on Cape Cod Bay in Wellfleet, Massachusetts.

She leaves to love and cherish her, her beloved husband James, her

daughters Robin (Orest) Stelmach, Kimberly (Jeff) Palmer and Pamela (Ray) Marra, her grandchildren Tracie (Cynthia), James and Scott Palmer, Greg (Elizabeth) and Chris Marra, along with a much adored great granddaughter, nieces and nephew. She is predeceased by her siblings Margaret Tuomi, Ann Gidzinski, and John Jarosz.

Her family will receive friends on Monday, February 24 from 10 AM-10:45 AM at Sacred Heart Church, 26 Wintonbury Ave., Bloomfield, followed by a Mass at 11 AM. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering, 1275 York Ave., New York, NY 10065. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB **24**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church  
26 Wintonbury Ave.  
Bloomfield, CT

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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26 Wintonbury Ave.  
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# Tribute Wall

AN

“ *Reba and Art Nassau regret that we were out of state and could not join Jim and family to personally express our condolences on Mary Jane's passing. Our friendship goes back 60 years and was an important part of our years in Bloomfield. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Arthur Nassau - February 25, 2020 at 09:43 AM

MS

“ *To the Cronin Family, We send you our deepest Condolences on the loss of your wife, Mom, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, and Mother in law. Hold tight to the memories you all made together! Love, Mary and Jeff Smith ❤️*

Mary Conran Smith - February 22, 2020 at 03:27 PM

AP

“ *Jim, I was sorry to read of Mary Jane's passing. Please accept my condolences. Sincerely, Ann Parkhurst.*

Ann Parkhurst - February 22, 2020 at 02:18 PM

DP

“ *Ray, Pam and Family; we are sorry to hear about your dear mother passing; do you have information on donations that can be made in her honor. We read the obituary, what a great mother you had, Pam. Damien & Monique*



Damien & Monique Paquet - February 22, 2020 at 08:36 AM

DR

“ Pam we are so sorry for your loss. She sounded like A very lovely women. You are in our thoughts and prayers. 🙏❤️

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**Denise and Link Richardson** - February 22, 2020 at 03:13 AM

LH

“ Pam, so sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. We are away but are there in spirit. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Sending love, Lisa & Ed Hood

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**lisa & Ed Hood** - February 21, 2020 at 11:23 PM

LB

“ Dear Cronin family, May the wonderful memories of your beloved Mary Jane bring you comfort at this very sad time. Your mom was a great and strong woman and I really enjoyed seeing her and your dad several times over the last year. We ran into each other a few times at Simsbury Stop and Shop but our best moment was Costco lunch!!!! We really enjoyed our chats!

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**Lisa Barall-Matt** - February 21, 2020 at 09:37 PM

PJ

“ Dear Pam and family,

*May your family's loving memories of your Mom comfort you in your grief.*

*With sincere sympathy,*

*Doug and Pam Denyer*

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**pjd** - February 21, 2020 at 08:48 PM

JC

“ Dear Pam, our deepest sympathy in the loss of your mother. It is truly one of the saddest times in our lives to lose our mother. Unfortunately we never had the opportunity to meet her. She will undoubtedly be greatly missed. May your memories help comfort you and your family. Joyce and Jerry Cooper

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**joyce carraway** - February 21, 2020 at 01:45 PM