



Mary Curran McGunnigle

November 5, 1916 - May 21, 2011

Mary Curran McGunnigle, given to the world by God on November 5, 1916, was called home to God on May 21, 2011, at the age of 94.

Mary was born in Boston to Irish immigrants, Timothy and Mary Curran, one of five children. After her father died when she was four, she and her siblings were raised by their single mother. She attended St. Gregory's parochial school, Dorchester High School, and Boston Teacher's College now UMass Boston.

Two years after her graduation from Boston Teacher's, she married the love of her life, George McGunnigle. She and George had a loving marriage of 51 years until his death in 1991, and raised three sons, George, Michael, and Timothy. After the family moved to Hartford, Mary became an elementary grade teacher in the Hartford school system. She later earned an M.Ed. at Hillyer College Now the University of Hartford. Her specialty was reading, and she became a reading consultant in the Hartford schools. She helped thousands of children learn to read.

Mary retired from teaching in 1964. She and George traveled extensively in their retirement and spent many winters in Florida, where they made many friends.

Mary has been predeceased by her brothers John and Francis Curran and her sister Rita Curran Sands, her son Timothy, and her grandson Kevin Patrick in infancy. She is survived by her brother Timothy, her sons George and Michael, their wives Priscilla and Joan, her daughter-in-law Barbara, six grandchildren,

seven great-grandchildren, and many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be Wednesday May 25 at 10:30 am from the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford, with the celebration of her Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am in the Church of St. Timothy 1116 North Main St. West Hartford. Burial will be private in Fairview Cemetery. Friends and family may call Tuesday from 4-7 pm at the funeral home. Donations in her memory may be made to the Church of St. Timothy or the Sisters of Charity at Mt. St. Vincent 125 Oakland St. Wellesley Hills, MA 02181. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ My condolences to Mary's family. Mary had the gift of making the Earleys feel part of her family. She was such a warm and loving person and will be missed by many. Helen McGovern Glynn
Uncle Tim's Niece##imported-begin##HelenGlynn##imported-end##

June 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My father & I will always remember Mary. She was always so kind and gentle and always doing nice things for EVERYBODY. I worked in the pharmacy and got to know Mary's gentle spirit. She would always bake sugar free blueberry muffins for my dad. They never met but I used to talk about him and I must have told her he was diabetic cause before I knew it she was bringing those muffins to the pharmacy for him. I will always remember her.##imported-begin##Beth Boris##imported-end##

June 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to all the McGunnigle's and Curran's on the loss of dear Aunt Mary. I will always remember her kindness and gentle spirit. She was so loved by everyone.
Kathy McGovern Sullivan
Uncle Tim's niece##imported-begin##Kathy Sullivan##imported-end##

May 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We are very sorry to read that Mary, Timothy Curren's sister passed on. We would like to extend our sincere sympathy Marion & Holger Kramp##imported-begin##Marion & Holger Kramp##imported-end##

May 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. McGunnigle was my daughter's teacher at the New Park Ave. School, also 1957, I think. Smart as she was, she was greatly opposed to the "look-see" method of teaching, as I was. When we discussed it, she use to invite me into her room and shut the door, since phonics were forbidden for a while! What a breath of fresh she was. Sincerest condolences to her family. Betty Zlotsky Tovia##imported-begin##Betty Tovia##imported-end##

May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary encouraged me to become a Reading Consultant, a decision that changed the path of my career. I've always been deeply grateful for her believing in me. She was a wonderful role model for me and many more young teachers at that time. She will be missed. God bless you all. Maureen##imported-begin##Maureen Fernandes##imported-end##

May 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Our condolences to Mike, Joan, Nora and Kate and their families, and the rest of the McGunnigle clan. She was a lovely lady who led a full rich life, and left a legacy of caring and good works. -- Tom & Tako Lento##imported-begin##Thomas Lento##imported-end##

May 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I do believe your Mom was my first grade teacher at New Park Ave. School, that would be in 1957... My deepest condolences to all of her family... I remember her as being a very caring and passionate lady..
May she rest in peace...##imported-begin##Laurie##imported-end##

May 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Your mother was such a blessing to my mom. Often, when your mom would bake her blueberry muffins she would stop in on Drury Lane and bring some muffins to my mother.Mom so enjoyed her visits!!
I will be in Boston tomorrow through Thursday- in Dorchester, actually, helping my daughter, Bridget.I will pay a visit to St. Gregory's and say a prayer for your mother{and father, and Tim}.
Keeping you all in my thoughts!!
Nancy Dillon Cocchiola##imported-begin##Nancy Dillon##imported-end##

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