



Mary Frances Braheney

August 31, 1924 - February 3, 2012

BRAHENY. Mary Frances

Mary Frances Braheney, 87, of West Hartford and Lake Hayward, East Haddam, died Friday, February 3, 2012, at her home. Born in New Haven, August 31, 1924, she was the daughter of the late Maurice G. and Elizabeth Braheney and sister of the late Virginia and Elizabeth Betty Braheney. Mary Frances was a graduate of Norwich Free Academy, Norwich, and a graduate of Central Connecticut University then New Britain Teachers' College. She did graduate work at the University of Hartford and Fairfield University. Mary Frances's career was spent as a teacher in West Hartford for 34 years. It was the joy of her life to be a teacher at the Whiting Lane School. Mary Frances took an early retirement and dedicated her life to taking care of her beloved sister Betty. She was a charter member of Mu Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, an international society for outstanding teachers, a member of NEA, CEA, WHEA, WHRTA, and AARP. Mary Frances spent her summers at the Braheney summer home at Lake Hayward, East Haddam. She had been there for over 64 years. Mary Frances was always on the go, enjoying being with her many friends, loving her dog, Ling Ling, watching her UConn Huskies and Mohegan Sun Basketball games. She is survived by her cousins, James Jamele of Cheshire and Patricia Darin of Killingworth. The funeral will be Tuesday, Feb. 7th at 9:30 a.m. from the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant St., West Hartford.

Burial will follow in St. Lawrence Cemetery, West Haven. Calling hours are Monday from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home. Mary Frances wishes to thank her special friends, Sister St. Henry Grenier, Kathleen Dunn, Joan Sonski, Joyce Bettencourt, Jane Begin, and Angela Ritter for their unconditional love and caring for her always. She would also like to thank her devoted caregivers, Marie, Merle, Mary and CT Hospice. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the ALS Association at www.alsa.org/donate or the CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd., Newington, CT 06111. On line expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ On behalf of your past and present MU sisters of Delta Kappa Gamma, I express our deep appreciation for your vision and leadership as a charter member. You personified professionalism and dedication of women educators. You were a role model and mentor to new and experienced teachers alike and an inspiration to everyone who had the privilege to know you. May you rest in peace.##imported-begin##Christine O'Connor##imported-end##

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“ For more than 50 years, I knew Mary Frances at Lake Hayward. She and her sister Betty employed me as a lad to cut the grass there and were always kind to me. Mary Frances was truly one of the most pleasant people I have ever met and the world is a harsher place without her.

Dan Hopkins
Springfield, Massachusetts##imported-begin##Dan Hopkins##imported-end##

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“ Thank you for being my 1st teacher and one of my favorites throughout my school years. How well I remember "get out your mats, it's nap time", followed by the yummy graham crackers and milk. God Bless you for taking care of all the little ones in your charge at Whiting Lane, Kindergarten class of 1952.##imported-begin##Audrey Keith##imported-end##

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“ *SING ME TO HEAVEN*

*In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poets'
gloss
Words alone are vain and vacant, and my heart is mute
In response to aching silence, memory summons half-heard voices
And my soul finds primal eloquence, and wraps me in song*

*If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby
If you would win my heart, sing me a love song
If you would mourn me and bring me to God,
sing me a requiem, sing me to Heaven*

*Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure
Touch in me grief and comfort, love and passion, pain and pleasure
Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem
Love me, comfort me, bring me to God*

*Sing me a love song, sing me to Heaven##imported-begin##Text By
Jane Griner##imported-end##*

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“ *We shall always cherish your friendship and the memories it
brought us. In your courageous fight, you were ever the teacher,
showing us all how to be brave, how to be faithful and how to love.
Your enthusiasm for life, your love for others and your gentleness
are all lessons you left for us to learn. We will miss you dearly.
- Brad, Mary-Margaret, Sarah and Katie##imported-begin##The
Burgdorff Family##imported-end##*

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