



## Mary Ann Gionfriddo

May 24, 1926 - February 3, 2019

Mary Ann Hight Gionfriddo born May 24, 1926 deceased February 3, 2019  
Mary Ann Hight Gionfriddo (92) passed away on February 3, 2019 at the Jerome Home, New Britain, CT. Mary Ann was born May 24, 1926 to pioneer parents, John S. Hight and Hattie L. Hight of White River, South Dakota. She attended a one-room school house with her twin brother, Robert Lee Hight in the Riverview School District. She graduated from White River High School in 1944. She married the love of her life, United States Air Force Lieutenant Frank Paul Gionfriddo in Rapid City, South Dakota on July 14, 1947. She and her husband settled in the Hartford area and began to raise their family. As parents, they were blessed with five children. Kim Marie (deceased); Paul Michael of East Providence, Rhode Island; Frank Mitchell and his wife Theresa (Matthews) of Aldie, Virginia; Thomas Martin and his wife Holly (Ross) of West Hartford, Connecticut; and Mark Stuart of Naples, Florida. Mary Ann and Frank were the proud grandparents of three boys; Ross Steven and his fiance Tabitha Basine, Andrew Thomas, and Matthew Frank (children of Thomas and Holly) In addition, Mary Ann was the step- grandmother of Anthony Lawrence and Annaliese June Laoretti (children of Theresa). She also leaves many nieces and nephews.

Mary Ann never lost her pioneer spirit, she traced her family roots and heritage back to prior the American Revolution. She was proud to find that her ancestors were here prior to the American Revolution. She truly enjoyed conducting genealogy searches.

Mary Ann was a strong proponent of education. In 1969, Mary Ann began working at the American School for the Deaf. She worked as a teacher until she retired in 1981. Shortly thereafter, she was appointed by Governor Bill O'Neill to serve as the Governor Appointee to the American School for the Deaf Board of Directors- a position which she cherished.

In 1985, Mary Ann and Frank bought a condominium in Naples, Florida. For nearly 25 years, she and Frank enjoyed the good life and retirement travelling between West Hartford, Old Lyme, and Florida. Mary Ann was predeceased by her husband of 63 years in 2010. Mary Ann had the loving care of two special ladies during the past few years. Colleen and her sister, Desiree, helped Mary with the things that became difficult, the entire Gionfriddo family can't thank you enough.

Visitation will take place at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. W. Hartford, on Thursday, from 8:30 – 9:30 am, her Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10:00 am at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave. W. Hartford. Burial will be in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery Bloomfield following the Mass.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB 7. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home  
906 Farmington Ave  
West Hartford, CT 06119  
(860) 232-1322

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle Church  
872 Farmington Ave.  
West Hartford, CT 06119  
(860) 233-8269

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ Karen Manko lit a candle in memory of Mary Ann Gionfriddo



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**Karen Manko** - March 24, 2019 at 03:41 PM

KM

“ Dearest Gionfriddo Family,  
Your mother was and always will be a most beautiful person. Her special talents were shared by many, her friendship was enjoyed by all who knew her and her kind, considerate and thoughtful ways have touched many peoples' lives. You, her loving and warm family, are the greatest tribute to her. She was and always will be someone that I look to and learn from. She will be greatly missed. I shall always cherish my memories of a once in a life time friend, “Mrs. Gionfriddo”.

*With Deepest Sympathy-Karen Manko*

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**Karen Manko** - March 24, 2019 at 03:25 PM

KH

“ *To the Entire Gionfriddo Family.*

*It was an honor and pleasure to know and care for Mary a few years ago*

*She was a happy person that loved talking and seeing all of you  
You were a very supportive .and caring family to her and making  
sure all her needs were met.*

*God Bless,*

*Kevin Horan*

*Former Executive Director, Hamilton Heights*

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**Kevin Horan** - February 06, 2019 at 08:03 AM



“ *Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the  
family of Mary Ann Gionfriddo.*



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February 05, 2019 at 06:54 PM

MF

“ *Mary Ann's Brother Bill Hight's Family purchased  
the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary  
Ann Gionfriddo.*



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**Mary Ann's Brother Bill Hight's Family** - February 05, 2019 at  
11:13 AM

JL

“ So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. My mother (Rose Gionfriddo Tisdale, daughter of Paul Gionfriddo) was a first cousin to your father. I also worked at the American School for the Deaf from 1968-1971. Your mother was a very gracious and lovely person. Condolences to the family. (Janice Tisdale Frasca Linder)

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**Janice Linder** - February 05, 2019 at 10:23 AM