



## Mary Lynn Gorman

December 18, 2023

She was a driving force both for her family and her community. Mary Lynn Gorman, 84, of Avon, CT died Monday December 19, 2023 in Avon, CT. She was born March 22, 1939 in Cleveland, OH to William Bernard and Edith Naughton West who instilled in her a strong work ethic, a natural ability to make friends and the need to give back to your community.

Mary Lynn graduated from Shaker Heights High School in 1957 in Ohio, then from Georgetown University in 1961. She spent the summer after school caring for her younger brother John who passed away in 1963 due to Cystic Fibrosis. She had her first two children in Buffalo, NY and third in Cleveland, OH before spending a year and a half at Clark Air Force base in the Philippines with her family during the Vietnam War. Her fourth son was born in Hartford, CT where she spent the rest of her life, but she always cherished her Cleveland roots. She enjoyed playing golf at Hartford Golf Club and Farmington Woods and the weekly lunches afterwards. She loved her grandchildren dearly and supported them in all of their endeavors.

Mary Lynn worked for nearly 30 years for the local professional hockey teams first with the Hartford Whalers then with the Hartford Wolf Pack in public and community relations. For the Whalers she spearheaded the annual Hartford Whalers Casino Night for the benefit of the UCONN Children's Cancer Fund. She established the Hartford Wolf Pack Community Foundation and the team's Community Service award is presented annually in her name. She was a member of the Junior League of Hartford for many years where she led the initial Show House events, Clothes Horse and is an emeritus member. She volunteered for many charitable organizations such as Loaves and Fishes, the College Club of Hartford scholarship fund, the Chrysalis Center, Town & County Club Fund of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, the House of Bread, the Hartford Architectural Conservancy and was involved in the creation of the West Hartford Children's Museum.

Mary Lynn was preceded in death by her brothers John West and Richard West and by her parents. She is survived by her two brothers William Naughton West (and his wife Annerose Zorn) and Thomas Michael West (and his wife Karen); and by her four sons -

David John (wife Bess, children Aleksey, Sasha and Olga Maria), Mark Thomas (wife Andrea, children Peter and John), Stephen William (wife Molly, children Justin, Patrick and Nathan), and Brian Arthur (wife Gina, children Carly, Lindley, Mollie, Kyle and Mia).

The family will hold visiting hours on Thursday December 28th from 9-10AM at St Patrick and St Anthony Church at 285 Church Street in Hartford, CT followed by a service at 10AM at the church. A private burial will follow. If you'd like to make a donation in her name, please do so to either the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or the House of Bread in Hartford.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

DEC 28. 9:00 AM - 9:55 AM (ET)

St. Patrick St. Anthony Church  
285 Church Street  
Hartford, CT

## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick St. Anthony Church  
Hartford, CT

# Tribute Wall

BP

“ *Mary Lynn, Rest in Peace. We all had a lot of fun working together with the Hartford Whalers. Fond memories of you.*  
*Bradley Peters*

Bradley Peters - December 30, 2023 at 11:07 PM

BB

“ *I'm sorry we were not able to attend Mary Lynn's Funeral Mass, but through the technology of Livestream we were able to be with you virtually.*

*Mary Lynn was always a gracious and welcoming person. It might be years between seeing each other, but you always felt like it was just yesterday when she greeted you. She was also a role model for others as to how to balance family and community service.*

*May your memories of her life and legacy give you peace and comfort.*

*Beverly & Jim Boyle*

Beverly Boyle - December 29, 2023 at 09:44 AM

RS

“ *Dave, Mark, Steve, and Brian, I know today you will both grieve and celebrate your mom's life. All my memories of her, growing up with you, were of her kindness and generosity. Her interest in our lives and her welcoming spirit. May she rest in peace.* Rick Santos

Rick Santos - December 28, 2023 at 08:23 AM

JL

“ *Dear Gormans, I am so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I remember her laugh, her capacity to make others feel cared for and welcomed, her deep love for and pride in her boys. My heart is with you.* Jessica Lindert

Jessica Lindert - December 27, 2023 at 01:57 PM

UE

“ *Uncle Charles, Charlie, Susan and Eliz purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mary Lynn Gorman.*



Uncle Charles, Charlie, Susan and Eliz - December 27, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Mary Lynn Gorman.



December 27, 2023 at 11:57 AM

TF

“ The Paspalovski Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Lynn Gorman.

The Paspalovski Family - December 27, 2023 at 11:57 AM

WR

“ William R. purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Mary Lynn Gorman.



William R. - December 27, 2023 at 10:43 AM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Lynn Gorman.



December 26, 2023 at 02:03 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lynn Gorman.



December 26, 2023 at 07:33 AM

MS

“ On behalf of the Junior League of Hartford, our heartfelt condolences go out to Mary Lynn's family. Mary Lynn was an incredibly charitable woman who served as the original co-chair for the Junior League of Hartford's Show House when it was established in 1979. It is because of this and so many other impacts she had that has made the Greater Hartford community a better place to live. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who knew her.

Sincerely,  
Michele  
President of the Junior League of Hartford

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**Michele Sok** - December 24, 2023 at 05:56 AM

ES

“ Steve, Brian, Dave and Mark I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was such a lovely woman. She was so very kind and generous to me and our family. I have many fond memories of her when I was growing up in West Hartford hanging out and playing with all of you. Ed Santos

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**Ed Santos** - December 23, 2023 at 05:02 PM

BC

“ What a great friend and such an inspiring force. In our latter years, a wonderful luncheon companion. God bless all of you.  
Barbara Cambria

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**Barbara Cambria** - December 23, 2023 at 12:56 PM

RO

“ My deepest condolences. May you find solace in knowing that Mary Lynn will live on the shared memories of family and friends.  
Rosemarie Papa

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**Rosemarie** - December 23, 2023 at 12:34 PM

SW

“ To David, Mark, Stephen, Brian and the Gorman family  
We are deeply sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a lovely woman. I often babysat for your family and your mother was always kind, thoughtful and made everything so easy.  
Sending love and prayers to all of you  
Susan & David Whitehouse

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**Susan Whitehouse** - December 22, 2023 at 09:10 PM

JM

“ To the Gorman family,  
ML volunteered for me at The Chrysalis Center Freshplace program for years.  
One of the founding volunteers from the JL of H volunteering in house then doing  
grocery store pickups for several years. She was great to be with and I truly  
enjoyed her. What an amazing individual in all ways.  
She's missed.  
Sincerely  
Jon Mitchell

Jon Mitchell - December 22, 2023 at 08:07 PM

NM

“ To Dear Mary Lynn's Sons,  
Please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of your mother. What a  
wonderful woman. You will not remember, of course, that I babysat for you "back  
in the days". You were so well behaved I never had to do anything! Your parents  
were incredibly nice to me and it was my favorite babysitting job because of all of  
you. Wonderful memories. Mary Lynn was a sweetheart with an incredible  
personality. God Bless all of you. -Nancy Marzano, formerly of West Hartford

Nancy Marzano - December 22, 2023 at 03:15 PM

ES

“ To David, Mark, Stephen & Brian and Gorman Family Members, Our Sincere  
Condolences and Prayers at this very sad time. We have so many wonderful  
memories of your mother and her kindness as our boys grew up with the Gorman  
boys in West Hartford. Ed and Mary Jane Santos

Edward & Mary Jane Santos - December 22, 2023 at 12:54 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary  
Lynn Gorman.



December 22, 2023 at 10:16 AM

MM

“ To the Gorman Boys & Families, I am so sorry to hear of Mary Lynn's passing. She was truly a wonderful and remarkable person. Our paths crossed many ways over the years, and it was always fun running into her when I was walking through the Civic Center Mall. She lit up a room. May she Rest in Peace, and you know have an Angel watching you from above.

*Michael Morgan, Farmington CT*

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**Michael Phillip Morgan** - December 22, 2023 at 08:57 AM