



Mary Lee O'Reilly

July 29, 2015

Mary Lee (Lyman) O'Reilly of Newington passed away on July 29 in Hartford. She was 71.

Mary Lee was born to the late Catherine (Rigney) and Charles Lyman on February 14, 1944 in Hartford. She attended Holy Trinity High School in Hartford and earned her Bachelor's Degree in Education from St. Joseph's College in West Hartford. Mary Lee is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Barbara Lyman of Westerly, RI; her daughter, Kathleen O'Reilly of Ipswich, MA; her daughter, Sharon O'Reilly and her fiancé Brian Bentley of Manchester; and her son Michael O'Reilly of Torrington. She leaves behind three beloved grandchildren, Adrianna Antigiovanni, Shane O'Reilly, and Brennan O'Reilly. Mary Lee will be remembered as a devoted, loving mother and grandmother. She could often be found socializing with her many friends, whether it be at a book club or a luncheon. Often found in her garden or traveling to explore someplace new, Mary Lee always embraced life. She possessed a strong and admirable faith, taking an active role in her church. Friends and family are welcome to celebrate Mary Lee's life at a funeral mass on Saturday, August 8th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, 626 Willard Ave. Newington. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family gratefully requests donations to the House of Bread, 1453 Main St., Hartford, CT 06120 to feed those in need.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
626 Willard Ave.
Newington, CT

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Kathleen, Sharon, Michael, Jerry and Barbara,
We were deeply saddened to hear of Mary Lee's passing. We have so many fond memories of the countless happy times the Lyman/Riley/Rigney and O'Loughlin clans shared. Our sincere sympathy and love to all,
Alma O'Loughlin, Laurie (O'Loughlin) Evans, and Kerry (O'Loughlin) McCarthy

Laurie Evans - August 10, 2015 at 09:44 AM



“ Our mutual love of a "Happy Nappy"!!! Miss you Mary Lee. You were a sincerely kind, love mom, grandma, fily, and friend! Love you!

Erin Marie - August 03, 2015 at 01:11 PM

LA

Dear Kathleen, Sharon and Michael,

I met all of you when we lived across the street from you in Unionville many years ago. I formed a bond with your mother when we were both going through the pain of a divorce at pretty much the same time. We had many long therapeutic talks back then. Some of those talks were about the challenges of raising multiple kids pretty much by ourselves. We were not prepared. Your mom said she was sure all you kids stayed up nights to discuss who was going to cause the latest crisis. That made me laugh. I was sorry to see her move away from the neighborhood. Imagine the surprise for both of us when a few years later I downsized to a house only blocks from your mom. And coincidentally, only recently my son John bought a condo in her complex. She was always a considerate, gracious friend and I will miss seeing her around the "new" neighborhood and at church. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of you. I know your mother loved all of you very, very much and I know you all have your own special memories of her to help you through your daily lives today and always.

Lynn Allen

Sons: Jeff, John, Joel and Matthew

Lynn Allen - August 05, 2015 at 10:50 AM

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Kathleen - August 02, 2015 at 05:16 PM

KM

“ Dear Kathleen, Sharon, and Michael,
Your mom and I met when we were both going for an interview at an elementary school in East Hartford (1966). Both of us were hired! I taught Kindergarten and she taught First Grade (right across the hall from each other).

We had so very much in common:

- Our very first year of teaching;
- New brides;
- Started our families;
- Our children were very close in ages (sharing play dates and vacations).

Mary Lee was indeed a "Treasured Friend for Life" to me!!! She will forever be in my heart & memories! Your mom was a marvelous person...please keep her close in your hearts, always!

My Love to all of you,
Katie McLaughlin Maio

Katherine McLaughlin Maio - August 02, 2015 at 12:49 PM