



Mary K. McGann

July 23, 2023

Mary Kathleen Kelly McGann, the middle child of seven, born to Anthony and Catherine (Bishop) Kelly on December 23, 1931, at St. Francis Hospital in Peoria, Illinois, passed away on Sunday, July 23 at Avery Heights in Hartford, surrounded by her cherished family.

She was baptized at St. Patrick's Catholic Church and received her early education at St. Patrick's and St. Mark's Schools in Peoria. She then attended the Academy of Our Lady High School and graduated in 1949. She enjoyed working at Catholic Social Services for several years after graduation. She started dating Jim McGann in 1954 after his time serving in Korea, and they were married in 1955. His work at Travelers Insurance Co. brought them to West Hartford in 1966, where they resided on the Boulevard until 2022.

Mary was a parishioner at St. Thomas the Apostle Church and, along with her husband, volunteered for many years as eucharistic minister to the homebound and those in local nursing facilities, including the residents at Brookview Healthcare Center. In 2012 Mary and Jim were recognized by the Archdiocese of Hartford with the St. Joseph Archdiocesan Medal of Appreciation for their work as CCD teachers and eucharistic ministers over the course of four decades.

Sisters Ellen Gorman and Pat Seiler and brothers Larry and Michael Kelly

preceded Mary in death. In addition to her two younger sisters, Ann Hillig (Prescott Valley, AZ) and JoCele McEnany (Lee's Summit, MO), she leaves her loving husband and six children: Julie McDonald (Tom) of Brookfield; Jim (Lyn) of Silver Spring, MD; Joe (Rae) of West Hartford; Mary Ann Taylor (Dave) of Derry, NH; Kevin (Heather) of West Hartford; Mike (Christie) of East Hartford; and 15 grandchildren: Mollie Prizio (Paul, deceased), Ryan McDonald, Ali McDonald, Kate McGann (Jameel), Megan McGann, Grace McGann, Shaun McGann, Devin McGann, Kelly McGann, Ben Taylor, Sarah Taylor, Eliza Taylor, Patrick McGann, Bridget McGann, and Colin McGann. She also leaves one great-grandchild, Liam Prizio, and 45 nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary's memory can be made to the Intensive Education Academy (IEA), 840 North Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06117. Calling hours will be 4 pm to 7 pm on Wednesday, July 26, at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford. Mass of Christian burial will be held Thursday at 10 am at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
872 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall



“ *Molloy Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary K. McGann*

Mass of Christian Burial for
Mary Kathleen Kelly McGann

Thursday, July 27th, 10am
St. Thomas the Apostle

Molloy Funeral Home - July 26, 2023 at 06:08 PM

MM

“ *Aunt Mary will be missed beyond any words can express here!!! Love, Melissa*



Melissa McGann - August 01, 2023 at 01:56 AM

JM

“ *Dear Mr. McGann:*

I would like to extend my deepest sentiments and sympathies to you and your family over the recent passing of Mrs. McGann. In my mind she was the creme de la creme. Over the last several decades I was privileged to have many enjoyable conversations with her.

With my fervent condolences,

Joe Mascolo

Joseph Mascolo - July 26, 2023 at 05:06 PM

TN

“ *The Gorman Nieces and Nephews purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary K. McGann.*



The Gorman Nieces and Nephews - July 25, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary K. McGann.*



July 25, 2023 at 01:36 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary K. McGann.*

July 25, 2023 at 01:36 PM

DP

“ Dear McGann Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. My memories of your mom were, and will always remain, so impactful. From being my catechism teacher to being the peace maker of our intense stick-ball games at 1203 Boulevard (sorry Joe, that pitch was not inside the brick-chalked strike zone). She was the Jackie O of moms in a neighborhood we were fortunate to grow up in.

She was thoughtful and a true listener, you could readily see that by just the way she looked at you during a conversation. Whenever we crossed paths and caught up, she never failed to make me feel like we were the only ones in the room. What a gift.

One of the most powerful memories I had occurred after my sister Sue and I placed my Dad at the West Hartford Rehabilitation Center. During a weekday visit, Mr. and Mrs. McGann emerged out of my dad's room. Without any fanfare or grandiose gestures, your mom stated she heard Lee was here and they visited him weekly to pray and look after him. I was blown away but certainly not shocked. Your mom truly lived her faith. She cared deeply about people and certainly shared a kinship with my parents forged throughout all those years as neighbors and raising families of six kids.

My deepest love and sympathies to all the McGanns. Your mom was a class act all the way and served as a shining light in our lives. I will miss her dearly.

Dana Pierce and family

Dana Pierce - July 25, 2023 at 12:45 PM

DM

“ *Jim and family,*

We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Mary. We enjoyed sharing dinners with Mary at The Heights and many laughs and stories. A wonderful lady will be missed by many.

Thinking of you, Don and Betty McKnight



Don and Betty McKnight - July 25, 2023 at 11:31 AM

MD

“ *Jim and family,*

Please accept our deepest sympathies on Mary's passing.

She was a great ambassador for the Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle, always welcoming everyone with a radiant smile. Sincerely, Michael and Kathy DeConti

Michael DeConti - July 25, 2023 at 10:10 AM

LD

“ *Joe, Rae to you and your family- I know this is not an easy time for you; may your love, and memories comfort you now and going forward.*

And, Joe, your mother will always be with you, she is forever in your heart.

Lonni Dubaldo - July 24, 2023 at 02:25 PM