



Rena Tonino Lenge

January 20, 2014

Rena (Tonino) Lenge, 89, of West Hartford and Niantic, beloved wife of the late Albert A. Lenge, died on January 20, 2014. Born in Hartford, daughter of the late Desiderio and Rose (Lazzerini) Tonino, she lived in West Hartford most of her life and enjoyed close to sixty years of marriage with her husband Al. Rena was employed by The Hartford Courant in the advertising department and her husband's business Maico Hearing Services. Her greatest joy was being with her children and grandchildren. Countless memories were shared at family gatherings and especially fun summer times at their beach home. Rena loved to swim, dance, paint and play bridge. She was a member of the Niantic Bay Yacht Club, West Hartford Art League, Hartford Bridge Club, American Contract Bridge League, Helen Flanagan Dancers and an active member with her Hartford Public High School Class Reunion Committee "43" where she kept up with high school pals. Rena and Al moved to The McAuley in 2003 and shared many happy times there with new and old friends. This past year Rena lived at St. Mary Home and was given exceptional care from the caregivers and nurses of West Wing 1. The family is grateful for making her time there happy and peaceful. Her children are also most grateful to Ania Tonino who daily attended to Rena as her friend and personal caregiver. She brought with her an enthusiasm and love that made Rena's life richer in every way. Rena is survived by her son Albert P. Lenge, Esq. and his wife Denise and their children Leanne Lenge Nolan (husband) Patrick and their son Benjamin, Chelsea Lenge Warren (husband) Phineas

and their son Kai Matthias and Matthew Lenge; daughter Marguerite Lenge Weaver and her husband James and their children, Gregory Weaver, Esq. (wife) Catherine and their children Van and Holly, Carolyn Weaver Johnson (husband) Drew and Julie Weaver; her daughter Elizabeth Lenge Keenan and her husband William, Esq. and their children Jeffrey and Sandra and many special nieces and nephews. The funeral will be held Wednesday with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 A.M. in the Church of Saint Peter Claver, 47 Pleasant Street, West Hartford. Burial service will follow in Fairview Cemetery. Donations in her memory may be made to the Art Therapy Program at St. Mary Home c/o Kara Tosen, 2021 Albany Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Claver Church
47 Pleasant St
West Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

NP

“ I am so sorry your mother is no longer in our world. We will miss seeing her when we visit St. Mary's, but will remember her each time we do.

Nancy and Bob La Perla - January 23, 2014 at 12:12 PM

VK

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire family She was a wonderful lady and she always took care of us NWCHS guys whether it was at her house in West Hartford or in Niantic. She will be missed. Vince Kraft Harwich, MA

Vince Kraft - January 21, 2014 at 03:34 PM

MA

“ To Rena's family,

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Rena. I remember when I would come to volunteer at the Saint Mary Home, Rena and Ania would always warmly welcome me in to Rena's room and I could always count on such a friendly greeting from Rena. I greatly enjoyed visiting her and sharing laughter and positivity with her. She made such a huge impact on my life and always had a smile on her face. I'm so glad I got to meet her and spend so much time with her. I will love Rena forever in my heart and I will miss her dearly. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers and I wish you all much love.

Mary Anderson

Mary Anderson - January 21, 2014 at 01:45 PM

AF

“ Dear Marg, Jim, Liz, Bill, Al and Denise,

Words cannot convey how deeply saddened I am to hear of Rena 's death. She was truly a great and inspirational woman. I am a better woman for having the good fortune to have known and loved her. Please accept my deepest sympathy. I wish you much love and comfort.

Anne Francis

Anne Francis - January 20, 2014 at 08:53 PM

NM

To Rena's family

I was terribly saddened to read Rena's obituary this morning. I came to know Rena and Ania, her loving caregiver, on my visits to my husband Walter at Saint Mary. It became a highlight of a visit for my husband and me to drop in Rena's room where she and Ania would warmly welcome us. I will always remember the fun and laughter the time we all joined in singing "Volare" and I shall never forget Rena, an inspiration, with her beautiful smile whom I would call " Bella Rena". Needless to say I will miss her dearly on my visits to Saint Mary.

Nancy La Perla Mather

Nancy MATHER - January 21, 2014 at 08:53 AM

TS

We were deeply saddened to learn of Rena's passing. Both she and Al were deeply loved here at Oak Grove Beach, and we'll miss her beautiful smile and lovely spirit. Please accept our deepest sympathies.

The Spinelli Family

Tony Spinelli - January 24, 2014 at 03:31 PM