



Shirley S. Roche

June 15, 1927 - August 30, 2007

ROCHE, Shirley Steinmiller

Shirley Steinmiller Roche, widow of John F. Roche, died August 30, 2007 at the age of 80. She is survived by her three sons, John of Avon, NY, Kevin and his wife Deborah of West Hartford, Paul and his wife Terry of Harwinton, two beloved grand daughters Kathleen and Erin Roche of West Hartford, a brother William Steinmiller and his wife Elizabeth of Waterford, a brother-in-law William Mahoney of Niantic, a dear sister-in-law Barbara Roche of Hartford, brother-in-laws Harold and his wife Regina of West Hartford and Kenneth and his wife Mary of Old Saybrook, and many nieces and nephews. Shirley was predeceased by her sister Mary Mahoney. Shirley retired from the Hartford School System after many years of teaching. As Shirley requested there will be no calling hours. A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday Sept. 1st at 10:00 a.m. in the Church of St. Peter Claver, 47 Pleasant St. West Hartford. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Online messages of sympathy and remembrance may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *To my cousins especially, and our entire family:*

Words truly can't express the sorrow I feel. I am so sorry that I did not attend Aunt Shirley's Mass. Please know that I loved Shirley and John and miss them. I will always cherish the memories of holidays, beach house visits and family gatherings.

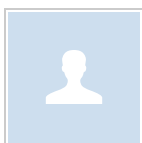
Cousin John, Kevin and Paul - be strong and be proud - your mother is a beautiful person and I pray her spirit and her memories shine brightly in your hearts. I know they will in mine

Be Well.

With Love and Respect,

Brian##imported-begin##Brian Shea Roche##imported-end##

September 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Roche Family - We were very saddened to hear of the loss of your mother. She and our mother were very close friends during their tenure at Burr School. Having recently lost our mother, Ann, as well, we feel your sorrow and will keep your family in our hearts and in our prayers. Your mother was truly a beautiful person and will be remembered as ours is, someone who constantly put others before themselves throughout their entire lives. God bless her and the entire Roche family.*

Sincerely,

Sal LoBello##imported-begin##Sal LoBello##imported-end##

September 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



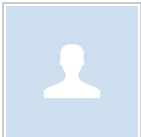
“ John,
We are so sorry to hear about your mom. Our prayers are with you
and and your family.
Sending big hugs and we love you.
~Sarah and John##imported-begin##Sarah & John
Lacy##imported-end##

August 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ my deepest sympathy to you at this difficult time. Shirley was a
good neighbor and always had a smile and a pleasant way about
her. We alwya had breakfast at the yankee clipper diring the
summer. We" miss her.##imported-
begin##corcoran,joan##imported-end##

August 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Kevin and family,

My deepest sympathies on the passing of your mom. I hope you
have lots of good memories to liven your spirits at this difficult
time.##imported-begin##Matt Ravosa##imported-end##

August 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *My Fondest Memory Is Her Gentle Smile and Peaceful Laugh*

Mrs. Roche first touched my life over twenty years ago. Her son Kevin who was dating my sister Deb had suggested that we go boating for the day. We were to meet at "the beach" and then from there we would go off on our adventure, and I must say it was quite an adventure. When I arrived at "the beach" Deb and Kev were scurrying back and forth packing, remembering all the things they forgot to pack as if we were going on an entire weeks excursion little did I know my life was at risk. What seemed like several hours later, Mrs. Roche walked out the door carrying waters and insisting that Kevin bring the few wine coolers she found stuffed in the back of the frig. I can still hear her voice saying "how bout some sandwiches ? how bout if I make you guys a couple sandwiches and you can eat those when you get hungry?". Then she spotted me. Since I had not yet been introduced I was a bit bashful and unsure of myself. She immediately said "Hi ? I didn't hear you drive in I was doing the dishes ? you must be Janet nice to meet you?" and she gave me such a gentle smile and a peaceful laugh "my reluctance melted away.

Over the years as I grew to know her our conversations were very free flowing even silence was comfortable. When I left her company, after celebrating weddings, birthdays, holidays, picnics and other loved ones lifetimes I always left with a very calming feeling. As I would drive home I would think . . . I wonder how many children's lives she touched and inspired, how many of those children have said to their moms and dads, husbands and wives and even their own children, my favorite teacher was Mrs. Roche. I suspect the number is insurmountable.

This past weekend when I drove down to the beach my feelings were very unsettled just like the first time, what do I say , how will I feel. When I pulled into the driveway I felt that everything was OK just like I always felt around her. I looked up and said "Yes Mrs. Roche I will take that Ham Sandwich and a wine cooler a bit later, if

you could keep it cold until I get there I?d love to share it with you?!###imported-begin##Janet Grunwald##imported-end##

August 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless. Mike, KIm, Christopher and Jonathan Neal*###imported-begin##Michael G. Neal##imported-end##

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