



## Shirley T. McGowan

July 3, 1924 - December 14, 2009

McGowan, Shirley T.

With profound sadness we announce the death of our beloved mother, Shirley T. McGowan, on December 14, 2009. Shirley died at St. Francis Hospital due to complications of heart disease. She was the wife of Francis W. McGowan for 39 years until his death December 25, 1992. She was born July 3, 1924 in New Haven, CT., the second child of Wilfred H. Tiernan and Edna DeForest Tiernan. Upon the untimely death of her mother in February, 1926, she and her older sister were relocated to Avon, CT., where she was raised by her maternal grandparents and then her aunt and uncle. In 1936 she moved to West Hartford and became a permanent resident. She was a graduate of Wm. H. Hall High School, Class of '42. She worked in various insurance companies until she and her husband started a family in 1954. She was a communicant of St. Mark the Evangelist Church in West Hartford for over 50 years. Upon her return to the work force she eventually retired from the Travelers Insurance Company, working in their Club Store. In her retirement years she was a member of the St. Mark Mission Circle, AARP, and the Salvation Army Women's Aux. In addition to her parents and husband she was predeceased by a brother, Robert D. Tiernan and her step mother Esther Tiernan. She leaves to mourn her passing her four sons and their wives, Robert and Judith of West Hartford, Stephen and Kara of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Thomas and Mary of Pelham, NY., and Brian and Mary Kate of Downingtown, PA. She adored her grandchildren, Genna, Tessa, Garrett, Kate, Eily, Nora, Rose, Gavin, Max,

Sean, Maura and Will. Her beloved sister Winifred Shaughnessy of Albany, NY, two sisters-in-law, Stephanie Tiernan of Cheshire, CT and Dorothy Winer in Florida, a special aunt, Isabel Garing in Florida, several nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, plus a host of longtime friends also survive her. West Hartford was a kinder, gentler place with Shirley in it. Her absence will be duly noted and her presence sorely missed. Her Mass of Christian Burial is scheduled for 10:00 A.M., Monday, December 28, 2009 at St. Mark the Evangelist Church, 467 S. Quaker Lane, West Hartford. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Friends may call at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford on Sunday December 27, 2009 from 1-4. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to [Commonground.org](http://Commonground.org). at [Agency.Com](http://Agency.Com) for Common Ground, 505 8th Ave. New York, NY 10018.

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Steve, Kara & the McGowan Family,  
Your Mom will be missed by many. I felt a kinship to her the moment  
we met. Some people, you just never forget.  
With my sympathy & With Love,  
Liz###imported-begin##Elizabeth B. Ross###imported-end##

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January 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Stephen and family,  
I was very sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. She always had a  
pleasant smile and kind word for all. My thoughts and prayers are  
with you and your family.###imported-begin##Ellen  
McClure###imported-end##

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January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I am surely going to miss my friend and neighbor. Our little signal of  
her window shade up knowing that she was up and ok each  
morning, taking walks around the block, and just laughing with you.  
Shirley's children were very lucky to have had such a wonderful  
mother. I was very lucky to have had such a special friend.

Paula Ardel119 St. James St.###imported-begin##Paula  
Ardel###imported-end##

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December 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Brian and Mary Kate,*  
*So sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. I know you both loved her very much. I will keep your family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Laura Mallon##imported-end##*

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December 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM