



William J. Ryan

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William J. Ryan, of Hartford, died on April 8 at St. Francis Hospital. The son of the late Charles and Mary McGovern Ryan, he grew up in Hartford, and was graduated from Hartford High School. After receiving a B.A. degree from Holy Cross College and a Master's Degree in English Literature from Trinity College, Hartford, he taught English at East Hartford High School for several years. Later he moved to New York City where he worked for Universal Studios and Lebharr Friedman, providing editorial and film support to media clients. Bill was a man for all seasons who was proud of his Irish heritage. He always had a song or poem on his lips. He was a true friend who welcomed old friends into his Victorian house on Capitol Ave. to share a song and a quaff of brew. A kind and gentle man, Bill had a wry sense of humor which he often exercised in a column he wrote for The Hartford News, "Nobody Asked Me But...." William leaves his wife Mary Jean Ryan, and two nieces and a nephew. William was predeceased by his brother Paul Ryan of New York City. Funeral services will be Friday at 11:00 am at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. The family requests no flowers or donations.