



## Mary E. Ryan

February 8, 1933 - March 30, 2018

Lee Ryan, 83, of Hamden, died peacefully with her family by her side, on March 30. She was married for 55 years to the late Thomas J. Ryan. Lee is survived by her children, Karen (Roderick) White of Bethany, CT, Michael (Patricia) Ryan of Wallingford, CT, Colleen (Patrick) Riley of Fairfield, CT, Paula Ryan (John Beckman) of Pelham Manor, NY, and Bethanne Ryan (Patrick McVey) of Hamden. She was the grandmother of Brendan and Caitlin White, Aedan and Clare Ryan, William and Noah Riley, and Nicole and Jake Beckman. She also leaves two sisters, Marlene Robinson of Warwick, R.I., and Muriel Mullin of Falmouth, MA. She was predeceased by her brother, Mark Mullin.

Born in Worcester, MA on February 8, 1935 to the late Mark R. and Juliet T. Mullin, Lee was raised in Rochdale, MA and graduated from St. Peter's High School and Worcester State Teachers College. She attained a master's degree in education from Southern CT State University, and taught 3rd grade at the Helene Grant School in New Haven for close to 20 years before her retirement.

A member of both Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Joan of Arc churches, she sang in the church choir and participated in the Junior Women's Club. After her retirement, she and her husband volunteered at the Hospital of St. Raphael. Lee was often thought of as "the life of the party". She knew how to light up any room or situation and make people laugh with her great sense of humor. She loved music and theater, and was known to break into song at the most unexpected times. She loved her summers with family at the beach in Rhode Island and the Cape, and thoroughly enjoyed spending time with her family and hosting family events (Easter egg hunts, fireworks, Halloween parties, Christmas caroling) and holidays. Always an advocate for being active and getting involved, she brought skating, swimming, skiing, sledding, and croquet – amongst others - into her family's lives. Lee cherished and was devoted to her long-time neighbors in Academy Hill.

Her family will miss her profoundly; she will live on with great love in their hearts forever. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church, 450 West Todd St, Hamden

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Yale New Haven Hospital - St. Raphael Campus, 1450 Chapel St., New Haven, CT 06511. Arrangements are with Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden. [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)



# Events

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**APR**   **Funeral service**   11:00AM

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St. Joan of Arc

450 W. Todd St., Hamden, CT, US, 06518

# Comments

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“ Dear Karen, Michael, Colleen, Paula, Bethanne and Families,  
I'm sending you my love, sympathy and healing prayers. Your Mom was certainly a huge part of the heart of Academy Hill! She will long be remembered for her humor, her boundless energy and her challenging of all of us to be better people. She was quick to point out our positive attributes as well as her feedback on how to improve our flaws. And to get to Church and go outside! She was like another Mom to all of us and a warm, fond part of my memories from childhood. And there were so many laughs! I was always happy when she was the Mom picking us up after school, catechism, swimming, etc., because I knew I was in for a fun ride home! I am so glad I got to see her in her driveway last summer and will always remember her there at her home, welcoming anyone and everyone. I was so happy to see that she still had the positive spin on life that I remembered, along with pointing out the humor at every turn. We shared some wonderful memories and laughs. Her pride of her children, their spouses and grandchildren shined through our talk.  
I know her loss leaves you with a huge void and for that I'm so very sorry.  
In Love, Christine Festa

**Christine A. Festa** - April 05, 2018 at 10:32 AM

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“ Sincerest condolences to your entire family.

**Carol Cangiano** - April 03, 2018 at 06:46 PM

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“ Sincerely yours, The Davis Companies and Friends purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary E. Ryan.



**Sincerely yours, The Davis Companies and Friends** - April 03, 2018 at 03:30 PM

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“ Mike and family: My mom, sister and I sang in the St. Joan of Arc choir with your mom under the direction of Carmel Harris. Now gone before us, they are all singing and rejoicing with the choir of angels in Heaven as your mom meets our Lord for the first time. Sending love, prayers and condolences to the Ryan family. "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Master!" Lisa Arpin HHS '77

**Lisa Arpin** - April 03, 2018 at 10:03 AM

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“ Lee will be surely missed!! She was the life of the party and a wonderful big sister even though she always wanted to be the youngest!! Love you , Lee!!

**Marlene Robinson** - April 02, 2018 at 06:11 PM



“ It was so nice to meet Lee on a couple of family get-togethers. She was a great lady! Most Sincerely, Anne Greason'  
I am Steve, Julie and Lizzie Hayes's aunt.

**Anne Greason** - April 05, 2018 at 06:06 PM