



## Aileen Donnelly

January 18, 1954 - December 23, 2016

Aileen Donnelly was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. on January 18, 1954 and passed away at Branford, Ct. Hospice Care Center on Friday, December 23, 2016. Aileen was predeceased by her parents Richard and Zoila Rosado of Brooklyn, N.Y. and her son Sean (New Haven). She is survived by her husband Frank (New Haven, Ct.) daughter Nicole (Cambridge, Ma.), sister JoAnn (Michael), nieces Brittany (Joseph) and BreAnn of New Jersey, Brother- in- law Dennis, Michael, Steven, Bryan, Christopher, and Thomas, Sisters- in- law Kathleen and Patricia. Aileen married Frank Donnelly on February 2, 1973. She attended Brooklyn College, CUNY and graduated with honors with a bachelors degree in Bilingual Elementary Education. Aileen worked for 17 years at the Jewish Home for the Aged and for 20 years at Yale University, her last position was as a human resources coordinator in the Department of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology on Science Hill.

Aileen had numerous interests and hobbies. She was a voracious reader and an accomplished weaver. She was a gifted gourmet cook who took great pleasure in hosting dinner parties for friends and family. Most of all, she loved people and was a devoted wife, mother, friend, worker, and beloved member of the Westville New Haven community. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden. In lieu of flowers the family would prefer a donation in Aileen's name to Connecticut Hospice Care Center of Branford, 100 Double Beach Road, Branford, Ct.

06405 or Smilow Cancer Center Office of Development, Yale New Haven Hospital, PO Box 1849, New Haven, Ct. 06508-9979. Contributions can also be made online thru there Website. To leave an online condolence please visist [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Previous Events

## Funeral service

DEC 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home  
3105 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT 06518  
(203) 288-7114  
[siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net)

# Tribute Wall

 Justin  
Montgome

“ I was a frequent visitor of the Donnelly home growing up and have nothing but great memories there. Aileen always made sure every visitor in her home was welcomed and looked after. I am deeply saddened to hear this news and extend my love to the Donnelly family during their time of grieving.

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**Justin Montgomery** - December 31, 2016 at 10:43 PM

LM

“ Dear frank. Our deepest sympathy to the Donnelly family ,and to the rosado family. Our beloved niece Aileen will always be remember for what she was a fine love able intelligent person. May her soul rest in peace from Louis "junior" and Janet morales

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**louis and janet morales** - December 31, 2016 at 08:44 AM

YD

“ I will cherish my memories and be grateful for the time I had with my beautiful niece Aileen. Please accept my sincere condolences to Frank & Nicole . I will miss you  
Love your Titi Carmen

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**Yvonne Delgatto** - December 30, 2016 at 04:32 PM

CA

“ I will cherish my memories and be grateful for the time I had with my beautiful niece Aileen. Please accept my sincere condolences to Frank and Nicole .  
Love Aunt Carmen

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**Carmen Alicea** - December 30, 2016 at 03:21 PM

YD

“ *Aileen's journey through life was an inspiration for the entire family, she achieved a top level education while taking care of a husband, family, job and even her illness. However in her passing I realized that her real journey has just begun. I will miss her very much . I love you Aileen*  
*Your cousin Yvonne*

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**Yvonne Delgatto** - December 30, 2016 at 02:50 PM

KC

“ *Kate McKenzie and Craig Crews purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Aileen Donnelly.*



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**Kate McKenzie and Craig Crews** - December 30, 2016 at 09:35 AM

MH

“ *So saddened to learn of Aileen's death. What a good life she had and what a long and courageous battle she fought to live to the fullest. I am so glad to have gotten to know her and to have called myself a friend. Deepest sympathy to Frank and her family on such a loss.*  
*Mary Helen Hawthorne (Mel)*

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**Mary Helen Hawthorne** - December 29, 2016 at 09:04 AM

PL

“ *Aileen enriched the life of everyone she met. Adieu, Aileen, and thanks for spreading warmth, color, delicious food, kind attention and welcome with such generosity!*

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**Pat Lavelle** - December 28, 2016 at 09:37 PM

JH

“ I am so sad that we have lost Aileen. She was so generous, wise, and kind to all of us in MCDB. I always thought of her as the department's ballast--she was so often the one to bring balance to discussions, solutions to problems, and endless love and compassion to each of us. Aileen made everyone feel special. I just hope she knew how special she was to us. We will miss her.

Jo Handelsman - December 28, 2016 at 05:03 PM

BF

“ Bresnitz and Bell-Reiter Families purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Aileen Donnelly.



Bresnitz and Bell-Reiter Families - December 28, 2016 at 02:02 PM

CZ

“ My heart is very heavy hearing of the passing of Aileen. Aileen was the kindest, sincerest person that I have ever met. I will never forget her. The world has lost one of it's finest. My deepest sympathy to all of you.

Cynthia Zerillo - December 28, 2016 at 11:53 AM

GL

“ I had the pleasure of working with Aileen for the past 9 years in MCDB. Her smile, wonderful outlook on life, and her care and concern for everyone that crossed her path will truly be missed by everyone that had the good fortune to know her. My deepest sympathies go out to Frank and Nicole...Gail Lamoureux

Gail Lamoureux - December 27, 2016 at 04:10 PM



“ *I had the honor of working with Aileen in the MCDB dept at Yale for 12 years. She always had a smile and was a very caring person. She will be sorely missed.*

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**Mae Thibodeau** - December 27, 2016 at 11:09 AM



“ *As a PhD student, I regularly met Aileen at the Yale MCDB department. She was always very kind and supportive, and helped students whenever possible. It was always a great pleasure to talk with her, and she will be dearly missed by all the students at Yale MCDB. We will always dearly remember Aileen. I wish her family a lot of strenght to get through this difficult time.*

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**Jonas** - December 27, 2016 at 10:43 AM