



## Brigid Lillis

March 1, 1935 - April 23, 2018

Brigid "Bridie" Lillis, age 83 of Hamden passed away peacefully into the hands of God on April 23, 2018 surrounded by her beloved family. She was born in McLoughra, County Leirtrim, Ireland on March 1, 1935 to the late James & Katie (Ward) Bohan. In 1954, Bridie immigrated to the United States with her sister, Mary to the home of her Aunt Elizabeth (Ward) and Uncle John Moffett. Bridie was married to the love of her life, the late Patrick (Paddy) Lillis for 43 years. She is survived by her children Mary Lillis of Hamden, Rev. James & Cynthia (Vitti) Lillis of Wallingford, Patrick Jr. & Carolyn (Harris) Lillis of North Haven and Paul & Melissa (Haesche) Lillis of North Haven. Bridie cherished her six grandchildren James, Chrissy, Aidan, Patrick, Molly and Kaley Lillis who were the light and loves of her life. Bridie was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother who was proud of her Irish heritage. She enjoyed attending Mass daily, cooking, reading, traveling, spending time with her family and friends, watching Judge Judy and eating her favorite candy, Roses Irish chocolates. She especially enjoyed attending her grandchildren's school activities and sporting events. The greatest gift she gave to her family and friends was her unconditional love.

Her faith guided her throughout life. Bridie was an active parishioner of St. Rita Church in Hamden and a member of the Folk group for many years. She volunteered with the Folk group and helped feed the homeless at The Columbus House in New Haven. She was a past member of the St. Rita Lady's Guild, the Pioneers of Sacred Heart and the New Haven Gaelic

Football & Hurling Club. She was named Miss Connacht, representing her province in Ireland. Bridie worked as a cook at Yale University and as a Certified Nursing Assistant for the Whitney Center in Hamden.

Bridie leaves behind many family members including her sister, Anne (Patrick) Keogh of Hamden and brothers, James (Mary) Bohan of Old Saybrook, and Martin Bohan of Ireland as well as sister-in-law, Margaret Bohan of Hamden, brothers-in-law, John (Marie) Lillis of Ireland and Joseph (Miriam) Lillis of Hamden. She was loved by her many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Bridie will be fondly remembered by all who knew her as a kind and gentle soul with a smile on her face.

She is predeceased by her brothers, Patrick, Michael and Bartley Bohan and sisters, Bernadette Bohan and Mary (Bohan) Smith as well as her in-laws, Philip Smith, Michael Lillis, Mary (Lillis) Keniry, Bridget (Lillis) & Patrick Lyden and nephew, Patrick Lyden, Jr. and niece, Mary (Keniry) Wilson.

Funeral from Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden Friday at 9:30 a.m., Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. Rita Church. Burial in St. Mary Cemetery. Calling hours are Thursday from 4 - 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be sent to The Columbus House at 586 Ella T. Grasso Boulevard, New Haven, CT 06519. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

3102 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling hours

APR 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral service

APR 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Rita Church  
1620 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ It has been years since Patrick and Paul Lillis remember me from St. Rita's School. I was in a grade between them. I do remember that my parents hired Mrs. Bridie Lillis to cater at some of their cocktail and dinner parties. She did a great job and the staff she had with her were personable and professional. I am sorry for your loss.

Michael Cronin - April 28, 2018 at 11:15 PM

CD

“ Mary, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time.

Cheryl and Dean Brainerd

Cheryl and Dean - April 26, 2018 at 06:45 PM

DN

“ Douglas & Christine Mitchell RMAI NY/CT purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Brigid Lillis.



Douglas & Christine Mitchell RMAI NY/CT - April 26, 2018 at 11:26 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brigid Lillis.



April 26, 2018 at 07:34 AM

LG

“ Love Pete & Laurie Gibbons purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Brigid Lillis.



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**Love Pete & Laurie Gibbons** - April 25, 2018 at 09:56 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brigid Lillis.



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April 25, 2018 at 06:00 PM

MK

“ I was so sorry to read of "Bridie's passing. I remember well our visits, especially with my Grandmother "Molly" Reidy Lillis and the laughter we had as they reminisced about life in Ireland. May she rest in Eternal Peace. Fondly, Mary Ellen (Lillis ) Koalchic ("Tim" and Florence Looney Lillis' daughter.

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**Mary Ellen Lillis Koalchic** - April 25, 2018 at 05:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brigid Lillis.



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April 25, 2018 at 04:12 PM

TB

“ *Mrs Lillis was always a bright light.*



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**Tish Blessing** - April 25, 2018 at 03:15 PM

LB

“ *Love, Tish Blessing Bell, Jeffrey Bell & Fiona Bell purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Brigid Lillis.*



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**Love, Tish Blessing Bell, Jeffrey Bell & Fiona Bell** - April 25, 2018 at 03:02 PM

YS

“ *Your friends at New Haven Gaelic Youth Sports purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Brigid Lillis.*



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**Your friends at New Haven Gaelic Youth Sports** - April 25, 2018 at 02:29 PM

RF

“ *Rocky & Kathy Muolo & Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Brigid Lillis.*



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**Rocky & Kathy Muolo & Family** - April 25, 2018 at 12:36 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Brigid Lillis.



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April 25, 2018 at 11:56 AM



“ Our hearts and prayers are with the Lillis family at this time. Now it is time to celebrate her life in Heaven where she will once again be reunited with all her passed loved ones. Irish bread on the table, a hot cup of tea, and the Irish music playing to welcome her home.

*Louis and Rita Sheehan and Family*

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**Louis and Rita Sheehan and Family** - April 25, 2018 at 10:02 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Brigid Lillis.



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April 25, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brigid Lillis.



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April 24, 2018 at 09:39 PM

JA

“ Thoughts and prayers to all of Bridies family and friends. Truly an Irish angel, I'm sure she was welcomed to Heaven with open arms. Keeping you all in our hearts at this difficult time.

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Joan Gunn Atzbach and family.

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**Joan Atzbach** - April 24, 2018 at 06:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brigid Lillis.



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April 24, 2018 at 04:40 PM

JM

“ To the Bohan and Lillis families our deepest sympathy. Bridie was a wonderful person. We will pray for her and all the family. Jane and Honoria McGuire. May the Leprechauns be near you to spread good luck along your way. May all of the Irish Angels smile on you today.

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**Jane McGuire** - April 24, 2018 at 04:02 PM

JF

“ I lived at 112 Harmon Street, two houses away from the Lillis Family!! I was a teenager when we moved in, the whole neighborhood (mostly irishish) became family!! Bridie, was like the "MOTHER HEN"!! I am 67 years old now and by most standards an old man, but this lady taught me how to be graceful, honorable, and decent through all stages of life!! Thank You Bridie Lillis for Lessons of Life!! I have no doubt you are already having a cold one at the "GOLDEN BAR" with GOD HIMSELF!!

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**Jim Foley** - April 24, 2018 at 03:41 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Brigid Lillis.



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April 24, 2018 at 02:01 PM