



Catherine T. Colleran

November 10, 1922 - February 23, 2022

Catherine Theresa Colleran was born on November 10, 1922, a daughter of the late Patrick and Catherine Cunningham Colleran and passed away peacefully at age 99 in her home at Whitney Center on February 23, 2022. She was graduated from St. Francis School, Fair Haven, Hillhouse High School and Albertus Magnus College in 1944. She was employed by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company as a claims adjuster and later opened her own business called Insurance Adjustment Services which she ran for eleven years. She then returned to college and received her Master's degree in Education and Sixth Year Certificate at Southern Connecticut State Teachers College. She became an elementary school teacher in the Hamden School system, and during her tenure she qualified for a one-year sabbatical at the Goethe Institute in Munich, Germany. She continued to teach primarily 6th grade at the Putnam Avenue School and the Westwood School in Hamden. She retired from teaching and returned to Germany, employed by the U.S. Department of Service Clubs (USO) in Germany and during that time she traveled through Germany, Italy, Denmark, England and Ireland. She enjoyed skiing in Europe and Vermont and was a member for many years of the New Haven Ski Club. After her retirement she volunteered for TESL, teaching English as a second language for those new to our country. She was an active parishioner of St. Rita church in Hamden where she sang in the church choir and was a member of Catholic Charities. After living in Spring Glen, Hamden for many years Catherine moved to Whitney Center eight years ago where

she became involved in the library and made many new friends. Catherine never stopped learning for she was delightfully curious and aware, taking long walks and enjoying flowers and birds, delighting in sighting the swans returning to Lake Whitney each spring, calling friends to see the full moon. Her joy and smile were infectious and will be missed by her family and friends. Catherine is survived by a brother, John (Wini), and sister-in-law, Margaret Daly Colleran, eleven nieces and nephews and many grand-nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by two brothers, James and Patrick, a sister, Mary Colleran and a sister-in-law Elizabeth Stanton Colleran. "Aunt Catherine" was loved by her nieces and nephews and more recently by their children, her grand nieces and nephews. Her humor and warmth added so much to our many Colleran celebrations and we will miss her and remember her with love.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Rita Church, 1620 Whitney Avenue, Hamden on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Calling hours will be at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, Tuesday morning prior to the Mass from 9:30-10:30. Interment will follow at St. Lawrence Cemetery. www.siskbrothers.com

Cemetery Details

St. Lawrence

280 Derby Ave.
West Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling hours

MAR 1. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

Funeral service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Rita Church
1620 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT

Tribute Wall

BA

“ Catherine was a wonderful teacher. She was always kind and caring. She was a teacher that left an impression on her students. A great asset to the Hamden community. She is at peace and has left memories with me and many others.

Bette Allen (A student of hers many years ago)



Bette Allen - March 01, 2022 at 11:50 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Catherine T. Colleran.



February 28, 2022 at 04:47 PM



“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Catherine T. Colleran.



February 26, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Catherine T. Colleran.*



February 25, 2022 at 11:30 AM



“ *My mother and Kay were life long friends. Kay was around my whole life and I feel like she was a part of our family. Many a weekend afternoon there would be a knock at the door and Kay would come in warbling “Ei” calling to my mom, having just come from picking blueberries or some such thing and bearing gifts. She would settle in for a visit or maybe dinner and it was always so comfortable. She was always very welcome there. She attended most all of our family milestones including my wedding, she did a reading at my dad’s services, she traveled with family members, she was just Kay, part of who we were. She was a presence always and I will miss knowing she is no longer here. May the angels guide her in. Much love, Ann Hickey Roberts*

Ann Roberts - February 25, 2022 at 11:14 AM