



## Catherine Cirillo Taddei

October 5, 1933 - January 3, 2022

Catherine Cirillo Taddei (Cathy), of North Haven, was born at home on Saint John Street in New Haven on October 5, 1933 the youngest of six to the late Louis and Lucia (Danese) Cirillo. She passed on January 3, 2022 at the age of 88 in her home with family by her side. A lifelong resident of Connecticut, she met her husband, the late Valentino Taddei, a close friend of her brother, Tony, and married him in 1955 at the age of 22. Loving mother of Marisa Taddei of Hamden, Valentino Taddei, Jr. of South Riding, VA, Christopher Taddei of Wallingford and Michael Taddei of North Haven. She will be forever cherished by daughters-in-law Laura (Saponar) Taddei and Tamar (Hamosh) Taddei, and son-in-law Scott Howland. Her greatest joys were her five grandchildren, Gessica Catherine, Valentino III, Livia Claire, Charlotte Joy and Thomas David, for whom her grandmotherly love will endure as a lifelong comfort. They will miss their beloved “MiMa.” “Aunt Cath” loved her many nieces and nephews too. Predeceased by her sister, Nancy (Cirillo) Cestare and brothers, Vincent (Vinny), Michael (Mickey), Anthony (Tony) and Louis (Louie) Cirillo. Cathy began her career in banking in the 70’s, working nights in downtown New Haven, manually sorting checks and, eventually retiring in 2003 at age 70 as Vice President, Branch Manager of Chase Bank in Cheshire. She took pride in exceeding her goals, enjoyed her work and the many friends and colleagues she made along the way. They appreciated her personal touch – she “mothered” them too. It wasn’t unusual for a customer to drop in for a social visit. Cathy’s greatest love was her family. Her role as

mother, grandmother, aunt and friend was her number one priority. A devoted wife who knew the path to her husband's heart was through his stomach, she became a gourmet cook under the tutelage of her mother-in-law, Lucia Volpe Taddei. A true matriarch, Cathy mothered and "coached" everyone – always going out of her way to help and to love others. Regardless of how busy her workday may have been, there was a delicious, creative meal on the table every night. Her home was a hub for love, friendship, hospitality, and amazing Italian food for a large extended family and friends, and the growing families and friends of their children over the years. Sunday mornings were filled with the wonderful aroma of her sauce and meatballs. After church, Sunday dinner with the entire family was mandatory. There was always room for a friend or two at the table, too. She taught us that God and family come first and, to this day, Sunday dinner is a tradition we all hold dear.

Funeral from Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, Monday, January 10. The family will receive friends Monday from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. Josephs Church, 129 Edwards Street, New Haven. Interment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, 3110 Whitney Ave., Hamden, CT. The family will receive friends immediately following the interment at Ludal Italian Restaurant, 28-30 Broadway, North Haven, CT. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Catherine can be made to the Hematology Program Fund at Smilow Cancer Hospital or to the St. Padre Pio Academy in Ridgefield, CT. For Smilow, please make your check payable to Yale New Haven Hospital and mail to YNHH Development, PO Box 1849, New Haven, CT 06508. Please include Catherine Taddei's name on the memo line. For St. Padre Pio Academy, please make your check payable (include Catherine Taddei's name on the memo line) to St. Padre Pio Academy and mail to 209 Tackora Trail, Ridgefield, CT, 06877. Secure online gifts for Smilow can be made at [www.givetoynhh.org](http://www.givetoynhh.org)  
Secure online gifts for St. Padre Pio Academy can be made at <http://www.ssp>

[xridgefield.com/padre-pio-academy](http://xridgefield.com/padre-pio-academy). 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

## Visitation

JAN 10. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

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

## Funeral service

JAN 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Josephs Church  
Edwards St.  
New Haven, CT

# Tribute Wall



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Catherine Cirillo Taddei.



January 10, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ I'll always remember Cathy with her beautiful smile and happy conversation. She was a grand lady and gave much joy to the world! My deepest condolences to all of her family. Sending love and prayers, Barbara Bufano Rivellini

Barbara Rivellini - January 10, 2022 at 11:49 AM



“ I have fond memories of Mrs. Taddei when I would stop by the house to pick up or drop off Mike - she would come out to say hello and always have a kind word to say - I will miss those visits but will cherish the ones I had. Praying for the Taddei family. // Joe Lillis

Joe Lillis - January 09, 2022 at 10:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Catherine Cirillo Taddei.



January 09, 2022 at 08:15 PM

KK

“ Karen Kiedinger lit a candle in memory of Catherine Cirillo Taddei



Karen Kiedinger - January 08, 2022 at 03:40 PM

SZ

“ Susan Zapatka lit a candle in memory of Catherine Cirillo Taddei



Susan Zapatka - January 07, 2022 at 03:14 PM

LF

“ Love, niece Janet and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Catherine Cirillo Taddei.



Love, niece Janet and family - January 07, 2022 at 02:33 PM

MH

“ I met Cathy at the Celebration of American Crafts at Creative Arts Workshop where she volunteered for several years. She was funny, glad to see people and just a very sweet person. Marisa, I am saddened by her passing and will miss seeing her. My thoughts are with you in this time of grief.

Mary Hadley

Mary Hadley - January 07, 2022 at 11:00 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Catherine Cirillo Taddei.*



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January 07, 2022 at 10:37 AM



“ *Cathy was a dynamic and loving lady! She was so similar to my own mother - her love of family, cooking, and friends was basic to her life. I enjoyed her so much when she used to come and visit us at Creative Arts Workshop (CAW) where we printed with Marisa. Marisa would bring us Cathy's YumYum cake to share along with other homemade Italian pastries. Cathy also volunteered during the CAW Holiday Sale at Christmas time. We all looked forward to her visits to the print shop during her break! She will be sorely missed and we carry the love she gave all of us! Marisa, may you and all your family take solace from the love she showed her family and all who crossed her path. I am grateful for having known her! My deepest sympathy for your loss.*

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**Angela Medley** - January 06, 2022 at 03:02 PM



“ *Cathy was a wonderful person. She made everyone feel at home and part of things. When, as a friend of her daughter Marisa, you spent time with her, she made you feel like you were her friend as well. Sincere condolences to the whole family.*

*AEleen Frisch*

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**AEleen Frisch** - January 06, 2022 at 11:25 AM

NA

*Grandma Taddei was a blessing to our family during our time of need. Her strength and character were admirable. She will always hold a special place in our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family especially her children and grandchildren. May God give all of you strength during this challenging time. Cherish the memories created together.*

*With sympathy,*

*Nicole, Joe, Luke and Sara*

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**Nicole Audie** - January 06, 2022 at 03:10 PM

MA

*Oh Cath. You were a beautiful person inside and out. Remembering the high school years when Marisa's friends all came to the house. You welcomed us with open arms and we never objected to your hanging with us. Just like one of the girls. Fast forward, with kids you treated mine like your own. 'Gramma' Cath they would call you. Everyone knew and loved you. Good-bye and rest well mom. I'm sending some anginette's your way.*

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**MaryB** - January 07, 2022 at 07:56 AM

PH

*Marisa and Scott, we are so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. We never had the pleasure of meeting her, but we know about your devotion to her. It's very clear what a vibrant person she was. Our deepest condolences.*

*Phylis and John Henson*

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**Phylis Henson** - January 09, 2022 at 10:50 AM